On January 25, 2020, the Majestic Theater hosted composer and pianist Damien Sneed’s “We Shall Overcome: A Celebration of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.” for the 40th annual Martin Luther King Jr. Celebration in Gettysburg.

“We come together on evenings like this not only to mark our past but also because we understand it to be a moment of reflection—a moment to assess where we are as people and the distance we need to travel between our aspirations and our realities,” Gettysburg College President Bob Iuliano said.

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Professor of History
“EDUCATION IS THE MOST POWERFUL WEAPON WHICH YOU CAN USE TO CHANGE THE WORLD.”

These enduring words by the late Nelson Mandela speak to an orientation deeply rooted within the liberal arts experience, and more specifically the education we offer to our students with hands-on experiences that prepare them for wherever life may bring them—our students’ perspectives and judgments. This allows students not only to determine for themselves how to use their education to have a direct impact on the lives of others.

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Inspiriting Gettysburgians, like the change agents highlighted in this issue’s feature story (beginning on page 42), remind us that—we whether fighting for equal rights, environmental protections, or any number of consequential issues within our public discourse—progress is possible, if we confront the defining challenges of our time with courage and conscience.

Our students graduate with a sense of responsibility to the greater good, and an impulse toward meaningful action. When coupled with our distinctive history and geographic assets—including our close proximity to Washington, D.C.—we have a special opportunity to advance this essential work, and to spark real and lasting change within our society.

Sincerely,

Bob Iuliano
President

THE LAUNCH OF A COLLEGE PODCAST

Recorded beneath the Cupola of historic Pennsylvania Hall, a new Gettysburg College podcast, Conversations Beneath the Cupola, brings attention to our students, faculty, and alumni who are living lives of meaning and service—today—and since our founding in 1832.

Hosted by President Bob Iuliano, each podcast episode features interviews with Gettysburgians and thought leaders, ending with an anecdotal “slice of life” at Gettysburg College, told through the president’s perspective. In our first episode, Iuliano reflected on a touching interaction he witnessed between Hall of Athletic Honor inductee Joe Cordova ’97 and his son during the induction ceremony.

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Susan Eisenhower discusses the legacy of President Dwight D. Eisenhower at Gettysburg College through the lens of the Eisenhower Institute, the state of the current political climate, and her new book.

THE BREADTH AND DEPTH OF STUDENT INVOLVEMENT WITH BEN PONTZ ’20

Ben Pontz ’20, The Gettysburgian’s editor, tackles on the breadth and depth of opportunities available to students at Gettysburg College.

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Glenn, Cain, and two first-year students—Katherine Schmitz ’23 and Denaro Ricketts ’23—highlight the innovative nature, purpose, and lasting impact of the College’s First-Year Seminar program.

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Editorial leadership and vision these past few years. We would like to thank Carina Sitkus for all of her editorial leadership and vision these past few years. We wish you success in your new endeavor. You are missed.

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Responding to journalist Nicholas Kristof’s article, “This Has Been the Best Year Ever,” College Chaplain and Associate Dean of Religious and Spiritual Life Kristin Largen wrote a letter to the editor of The New York Times in which she negated Kristof’s declaration.

President Bob Iuliano was a guest on WITF’s Smart Talk podcast, in which he shared his vision for Gettysburg College and offered thoughts on the higher education landscape as a whole. In an op-ed he wrote for Inside Higher Ed, he affirmed the importance of access and diversity in higher education.

CHOCOLATE, VIDEO GAMES, AND SELFIES CAN MAKE YOU HAPPIER, RESEARCHERS SAY

Research conducted by Psychology Prof. Brian P. Meier, Sabrina W. Noll ’14, and Oluwatobi J. Molokwu ’19, about chocolate’s anecdotal association with an increase in happiness, was referenced in a CNBC health and wellness article.

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SPARKING UP

Activate, a National Geographic series that showcases the Global Citizen movement to end extreme poverty by 2030, featured Monae Evans ’15 in its second episode, “Ending Cash Bail.”

Reflecting on air about her father’s incarceration for a nonviolent drug offense, she shared her efforts as a campaign manager with Global Citizen to petition New York Governor Andrew Cuomo to end cash bail.

“If I continue sharing my story, then maybe people will start to open their eyes to some of the injustice and inequity within the system,” Evans said.

She now serves as a senior analyst for the New York City Mayor’s Office of Operations.

Read more about Evans online.

“I’ve always wanted to work at NASA, so it was a dream come true. An alum . . . spoke about his experience there, and I felt more inspired to apply.”

In a Q&A profile by the Chicago Tribune, Alyosa Kanewolli ’20 shared reflections on her internship at NASA’s Goddard Space Flight Center and her post-graduation plans. NASA also published a Q&A with summer 2018 intern Abigail Major ’19.

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INAUGURAL TOUR

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The panel of alumni and faculty experts explored how civil discourse has changed over the generations and what steps we can take—regardless of individual political leanings—to bring about a renaissance in our practice of politics.

Lauren Bright ’90, the chief counsel for the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, facilitated the panel, which featured Jamie Fleet ’02, a senior legislative assistant for President George W. Bush; Prof. Bruce Larson, the chief counsel for the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, and civil rights attorney; and President Robert N. Moroney, the former president of Gettysburg College.

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Unleash the power of the Gettysburg Network. The College’s official online engagement and mentoring community, connectGettysburg, connects current students, as well as alumni, to alumni, parents, and friends of the College. You can register through your LinkedIn, Facebook, or Google account.

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ALUMNI

GAME CHANGER

Amanda Fasenmyer ’09 is building a better tomorrow.

As the director of growth and strategy at Steinberg Hart, a global design, architecture, and planning firm, she helps design physical spaces that shape lives in California. For her work, the Silicon Valley Business Journal honored her with a 40 Under 40 award and Gentry Magazine named her a “Changemaker.”

“The game changers of tomorrow will be systems-thinkers who understand the complexity of an increasingly connected, dynamic world,” Fasenmyer said. “The advice that I would give to those future impact-makers is to understand how to catalyze the forces around them to advance the common good.”

LEARNING STRENGTH

In November 2012, Abigail Lets O’Brien ’98 was diagnosed with breast cancer, which resulted in months of chemotherapy, a double mastectomy, lymph node removal, and weeks of radiation. In May 2018, it progressed to metastatic breast cancer that spread to her spine and pelvic bones. But throughout her battle, she learned to find her inner strength—and the Susan G. Komen Foundation recognized it. After reading her personal blog, “My Life in Pink,” the nonprofit invited her to write a blog and record a podcast for its platforms. In her first article, she references cancer as both a curse and hidden blessing: “As my grandmother always said,” O’Brien wrote, “when God closes a door, he opens a window.”

FACULTY

MAGICAL MYSTERY

English Prof. Kathryn Rhett and her sister, Cecily, co-wrote a Hallmark Channel movie called Crossword Mysteries: Abracadaver, starring Lacey Chabert and Brennan Elliott. The murder mystery, which premiered January 5, follows a plot that throws illusions at a crossword puzzles editor and an NYPD detective, who team up to uncover clues and determine the cause of a murderer’s death.
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The Challenge raised a grand total of $1,000,002 from a record 3,486 donors. Gifts came from a wide range of destinations, including Santa Fe, New Mexico; San Diego, California; and Beijing, China.

Gettysburg College would like to extend a heartfelt thanks to our generous Challenge sponsors: Barry ’65 and Barbara Wenger ’65 Shaw, Dave ’65 and Claudia ’66 Radin, Bob Parker ’64, P. Robert ’80 and Kimberly Mensen ’90 Barnett, Lauren Alizio ’16, Helene and Charles Rosenberg P’10, Greg and Mary Rast P’20, Joe and Lauren Rieger ’21, and our Parents Leadership Council.

Your gift—no matter the amount—creates new opportunities for today’s students and strengthens Gettysburg College for future generations. Thank you to all who helped to make our biggest fundraising event of the year such a tremendous success!

ON CAMPUS

LINCOLN PRIZE

Gettysburg College and the Gilder Lehrman Institute of American History have named Elizabeth R. Varon, author of Arrows of Deliberation: A New History of the Civil War, as the 2020 Lincoln Prize recipient. Varon’s winning work anchors the Civil War narrative in the defining moments that occurred on the battlefield, while simultaneously integrating the social and military history of the time period.

The award includes a $50,000 prize and a bronze replica of Augustus Saint-Gaudens’ life-size bust, “Lincoln the Man.”


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ATHLETICS

SOCcer SUCCESS

Men’s soccer and women’s soccer made triumphant returns to the NCAA tournament after extended absences.

Earning an at-large bid to the playoffs, the men’s team made its first trip to the national stage in 18 years. The Bullets shut out No. 24 Williams, in a tough 2-0 first-round loss.

No. 11 Washington and Lee in their next game.

No. 22 Oglethorpe 5-0 in the first round before falling 3-2 to No. 21 Washington and Lee in their next game. For the first time in five years, the women’s team also went dancing, facing the two-time defending national champion, No. 24 Williams, in a tough 2-0 first-round loss.

41 goals scored by men’s soccer in 2019

35 goals scored by women’s soccer in 2019

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YOUNG INNOVATORS

Bethany Foux ’16 was named one of Washington, D.C.’s 2019 Innov Top 20 most accomplished young entrepreneurs under age 25.

Foux, who is a customer success manager at Quorum, helped the technology firm recruit organizations such as Anastas-Bush, Coca-Cola, and Walmart. In 2019, she led the launch of Quorum International, earning her a promotion to product manager.

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On February 3, Maurice Banks, former assistant coach at the University of Pennsylvania, was named the new Bullets football head coach. After spending the last six seasons coaching at the Division I level, Banks becomes the 26th head coach in the program’s 150-year history.

At Penn, Banks assisted with the development and implementation of defensive and special teams schemes. He spent the prior five seasons at his alma mater, Georgetown University, where he coached defensive backs and was special teams coordinator in his final two campaigns.

Banks also brings a wide and varied background as a player and coach beyond the collegiate atmosphere in Austria, Brazil, and Italy. After graduating from Georgetown with a degree in sociology, the former Hoyas’ All-Patriot League captain spent time as a defensive back and quarterback with the Madburg Mercenaries in Germany.

“I am extremely excited to have the opportunity to begin my career as a head football coach here at Gettysburg,” Banks said. “It is an honor to become the first minority head coach of the Bullets football program and something that I do not take lightly.”

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For the first time in program history, Gettysburg College swept the top awards from the Centennial Conference in 2020. Kate Crilly ’20 of Shrewsbury, New Jersey, was named Outstanding Performer of the Meet, Talia Moss ’23 of Toronto, Ontario, earned Outstanding Rookie Performer, and Head Coach Greg Brown landed Coach of the Year in his inaugural season with the Bullets.

Crilly closed her career winning the 50 freestyle and 100 freestyle with program records and placed second in the 200 freestyle. She also contributed to the gold-medal winning 200 medley, 400 medley, and 200 freestyle relays, helping the Bullets set new school standards in all three events. Moss (pictured) opened the meet by winning the 200 individual medley and added a silver medal in the 200 breaststroke and a bronze medal in the 200 butterfly. Both Crilly and Moss earned all-conference honors.

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ON THE TOPIC OF GRATITUDE

WHEN WE EXPERIENCE AND EXPRESS OUR APPRECIATION,
HOW DO WE GROW AND SHIFT OUR WORLDVIEW?

Hakim Mohandas Amani Williams
Professor of Africana studies, education, globalization studies, and public policy, and director of peace and justice studies

Asé!

I grew up in Laventille, Trinidad, the firstborn of three children. My family didn’t have much materially, but I sure made up for that with an abundance of imagination. I would chalk the concrete steps in front of our home, pretending they were my students. I’d teach math, English, or any subject I fancied. I recount this story often as a meditation on my life’s calling as an educator, despite wanting to be a medical doctor growing up. I enter my classroom with purpose and rigor, issuing my family mischievous, but gleefully-filled greeting: “Good morning, critical thinkers!” Students know me as a professor who made up for that with an abundance of imagination. I would chalk the concrete steps in front of our home, pretending they were my students. I’d teach math, English, or any subject I fancied. I recount this story often as a meditation on my life’s calling as an educator, despite wanting to be a medical doctor growing up. I enter my classroom with purpose and rigor, issuing my family mischievous, but gleefully-filled greeting: “Good morning, critical thinkers!” Students know me as a professor who

Amy Bailey
Professor of health sciences

In 2019, more than 1.7 million people were projected to receive a new cancer diagnosis. Despite these overwhelming numbers, cancer death rates are on the decline, meaning more and more people are surviving cancer. The stories of survivors involve serious pain, fear, and anxiety. But you will also hear stories of gratitude, hope, appreciation, living for today, and representation. Some survivors report feeling grateful for their treatments and doctors, noticing a heightened sense of appreciation of people and beauty, learning to see the positive in situations, and enjoying friends and family more. Some go as far as to say that cancer helped them to live more in the present, moving beyond the past, and not putting valued opportunities off for a later time. To be clear, being diagnosed with cancer and undergoing subsequent treatment has serious physical, psychological, and social implications. At first glance, it may seem insensitive to write about positive aspects of having cancer, but we have much to learn from listening to cancer survivors’ perspectives on gratitude and hope.

Kristin Largen
College chaplain and associate dean of religious and spiritual life

Usually, we experience gratitude as an episodic response to something good that happens—we receive some unexpected kindness or a happy surprise. In that moment, we are grateful for our good fortune. However, gratitude also can be an overall disposition that can positively shape our outlook on the world and our relationships with others. Experienced this way, gratitude becomes a habit that enriches our lives and the lives of those around us, too. How do we do this? A good place to start is with mindful attention. When we pay attention, life’s wonders begin to appear, and we become more thankful for the goodness we experience, not just once in a while, but every day. Gratitude beggars more gratitude. Then, from this internal experience, we can turn our feelings of gratitude outward into words and deeds of thankfulness to share with others. A life of gratitude is simple, really. To paraphrase Mary Oliver: Pay attention, give thanks, and tell others.

Churon T. Lanier-Martin ’20
English major and peace and justice studies minor

Accepting the reality of Murphy’s Law—“what can happen will happen”—helps my optimism. This perspective is something I have begun to acknowledge recently, after studying abroad in Bali, Indonesia, and observing how Balinese people live firsthand. One’s quality of life is largely internal, and our thinking shapes our realities. For example, my host father in Kerambitan, to whom I referred as “Bapak,” and I met at his farm the first day I moved in with the family. (Over time), I learned that in addition to farming, he was also a teacher at the local primary school. He even hosted, what I assume, were after-school tutoring sessions in their home before dinner. We had never too tired to lend an ear to one of his three daughters or warmly welcome me home from the program center. It was a joy to see his leadership as a role model of both sacrifice and gratitude. I have come to understand that my attitude dictates my experience, and being grateful is central to maintaining a balance between positive and negative stress. Life is a treadmill, not a ladder. Read more about Lanier-Martin on page 47.

Kathleen M. Cain
Professor of psychology

While the psychological research on gratitude is relatively new, the findings are consistent with millennia of religious and spiritual teachings. Those who are grateful for something—anything—are able to take a broader perspective on whatever is happening at that moment. Gratitude lifts us out of ourselves and helps us find our way through difficult times. Abundant evidence shows gratitude promotes psychological well-being, physical health, moral behavior, and positive relationships. Simple practices such as saying three good things that happened each day or keeping a gratitude journal can have remarkable effects. When someone expresses gratitude to another, both that person and the recipient benefit. Gratitude binds people together, and it even promotes positive outcomes for those who merely witness gratitude expressed and received by others. Gratitude, in short, is a key part of human flourishing.

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MOST INFLUENTIAL G’BURG CONNECTION
Charles R. Wolfe, Gettysburg College’s dean of admissions at the time, admitted me to the College before the start of the spring semester in 1958. That decision started me on a path to receiving my bachelor’s from Gettysburg College, and later a master’s and PhD from the University of Pennsylvania. It also enabled me to pursue a career that included teaching economics at the college level, serving as the chief economist at one of the largest commercial banks and financial holding companies, and a long career with the Federal Reserve System.

IMPORTANT COLLEGE MEMORY
In early March of 1960, I was elected to membership in the Iota Chapter of Phi Beta Kappa, along with 19 of my fellow classmates.

WHY BOB AND BRENDA SUPPORT G’BURG
Among several reasons is the College’s emphasis on providing a first-rate liberal arts education. Also, we are convinced that without the support and direction I received from my years at Gettysburg, my professional life would have been very different and possibly less rewarding and satisfying.

CAREER HIGHLIGHTS
Serving as a member of the Federal Open Market Committee (FOMC) of the Federal Reserve System for more than 18 years—first under Chairman Paul Volcker and later under Chairman Alan Greenspan. The FOMC is responsible for the formulation and the implementation of monetary policy for the U.S. economy.

BUILDING A BRAND WITH A BARREL
With an entrepreneurial spirit inspired by family and strengthened at Gettysburg, Roby Burch ’17 turned a college idea into a trademarked business.

CHANGE AGENTS
Since its founding in 1832, Gettysburg College has cultivated a culture centered around action and ruled by conscience.

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BUILDING A BRAND WITH A BARREL

by Molly Foster
The trees were just starting to change colors and turn brittle as fall came to the rolling hills of Gettysburg. Roby Burch ’17 said his goodbyes to his parents who visited him for his last Family Weekend at the College. In that moment, his mind turned back home, recalling fall nights around a firepit on his family ranch, where he grew up in Montana. The hot, crackling embers gave rise to storytelling, roasting food over the fire, and enjoying good company.

“I remember that day clearly. I felt like sitting by a fire. I wanted to hang out with my buddies, burn some wood, and grill some food, but the firepit I was envisioning didn’t exist,” Burch said. “Well, there was one product, but it was $2,000 and 500 pounds, so that was sort of out of the question for a college kid. So, I made something of my own. I went to Tractor Supply, got some chains and tow hooks, and threw something together.”

The barrel firepit began as a project that Burch saw solely as “fun to work on,” but now fully crowdfunded and trademarked as the Burch Barrel, it has evolved from a makeshift smoker into a portable and functional tripod barbecue, that with the lift of a lid, doubles as a firepit.

Burch grew up in an entrepreneurial family that tracks back to his grandfather who went from selling someone’s industrial equipment to making and selling his own. Surrounded by successful entrepreneurs, Burch’s family was a natural network for him, but his network grew at Gettysburg College.

“From the very start, I always felt that it was important to surround myself with smart people who were able and willing to give me guidance and feedback,” Burch said. “Gettysburg helped connect me to its panel of mentors and alumni through the Gettysburg Network, and this proved to be such a valuable resource. They taught me that there is no rush. No one is expecting you to know all the answers right now, and it’s OK to take your time and figure out what you want to do. I carried that mindset with me.”

Prior to his creation of the Burch Barrel, Burch was awarded a 2016 Entrepreneurial Fellowship for his launch of Blue Truck, which was a service company that assisted customers in running errands, moving furniture, painting, and other small tasks.

“I thought Blue Truck would still be what I’d be doing after Gettysburg. At the time, I thought it was my end all, be all,” Burch said. “Even though my family’s entrepreneurial experience is diverse, the main core of it is consumer products and brands. I was talking with my dad one day, and he said to me, ‘Listen, if you want to build a brand, make that barrel something that can be iconic and something that can really get people’s attention. Get people excited about the brand, then you can put your logo on anything you want.’”

Heeding his dad’s advice, Burch realized that the barrel had potential to make grilling a more interactive and inclusive experience than the setup of a standard grill allows. This core idea of creating a sense of community has driven the brand’s ethos.

From its beginning, the Burch Barrel rekindled many warm memories for Burch and led him to what he considers some of his most memorable College experiences. He hopes it can be a source of memories—both new and old—for others, too.

“In a way, the barrel is a hearth because it brings people together,” he said. “It’s a warm place with savory moments, aromas, and things that are instinctual to human beings.”

Visit burchbarrel.com to learn more about Burch’s latest venture.
Gratitude is not always expressed verbally. Sometimes, it comes and goes unsaid in a fleeting moment—thought, but never spoken. Gratitude can be a soft smile, a returned favor, or a thoughtful gift.

At Gettysburg College, gratitude is a tradition. The Stoles of Gratitude tradition began in 2004 as a result of the vision of Donald W. Burden ’63, P’00, who was the president of the alumni board of directors. Graduating seniors wear their Stole of Gratitude during Commencement, afterward presenting it to the person whose support was most instrumental in leading them to that day—often a loved one, a mentor, or an important professor.

Others have made the tradition their own by draping their Stole of Gratitude around two individuals, crafting it into several commemorative gifts, and even thinking beyond people to the experiences that stuck with them the most.

A Gettysburg College experience is multifaceted and made up of many defining moments and influential people. It’s easy to trivialize the effect of one moment, one word, or one act of kindness on someone’s life, but Stoles of Gratitude are a symbolic reminder that generosity does not go unnoticed. It gets paid forward.

Everyone has a story of gratitude—a time when someone touched one’s life and changed it for the better. Seven Gettysburgians share their stories of hardship, hope, and growth.

I mailed my Stole of Gratitude to Amy Lucadamo (College archivist), one of the major leaders of the digital history project for which I was a student worker. She placed it inside the Jack Peirs collection in Special Collections for safe keeping. This project preserved and brought to life the letters that Jack, a World War I soldier, wrote back to his family during the war. We released these letters online 100 years after the day that they were written. My job was to upload the letters and keep the website running, but I also had the opportunity to do a lot of my own research with the letters and write commentary on them.

In March 2018, we took a research trip to France to trace Jack’s footsteps during one of the major battles. Working on this project was one of the defining projects of my undergraduate career. It’s one of the experiences that I learned the most from, as I was able to work hands-on with archival material, in this case, letters and ephemera from Jack’s military service. I learned the mechanics of doing historical research, which was a practical skill for me since I’m now working toward my PhD in history. On a broader scale, it taught me the value of collaborating, telling stories, and preserving memories. This experience was special enough to me that I wanted to commemorate it in some way, and giving the Jack Peirs collection my stole was a way for me to do just that.”
“During my four years on the lacrosse team, we made it into the NCAA tournament every year, but we didn’t make it to the Final Four tournament until my senior year. When I was a junior, Coach [Carol Daly Cantele ’83, P’15] really began encouraging me and my teammates to reflect on ourselves individually and together, both inside and outside of lacrosse. This daily reflection brought a mental and emotional aspect of the game into play that made us look beyond the physical. We were all focusing on what we were grateful for and what we could do to make the world a better place. This mindset carried over into my senior year. You could see a clear change in momentum from the season before. Even though we ended up losing the Conference Championship game, we still had a really good feeling about the rest of the season. That was the year we made it to the Final Four and won a National Championship. I think the success we had that season had a lot to do with how Coach brought us closer as a team. Looking back, I’ve realized that anyone can tell you to reflect on your life and think about what you’re grateful for and what you can do for others, but Coach Cantele didn’t just tell us. She showed us how and made the time for it. She always reminded us of our potential, how good we could be as people, and how great we could be as players.”
"My grandmother, Myra C. Perry, raised me since I was two weeks old. She didn’t have the opportunity to attend school beyond the ninth grade, and because of that, education was vital to her. She wanted to make sure I received an education, and she saved $4,000 to help me pay for college. I secured a full ride to Gettysburg College, and when I did, she generously gave me that money to buy a car. It was just the kind of person she was. She always thought of others.

When it came time for my graduation, it was a huge deal to her and the family. As a first-generation college graduate, they were all excited for me. My grandmother purchased a new outfit for Commencement, a new hairpiece, and even went out of the way to have a new set of teeth made. Before the ceremony, I went to the store and bought her a fresh flower corsage and gave her my Stole of Gratitude so she could wear it as I received my diploma. The stole meant so much to her that I swear she didn’t take it off for a week. She still had it on at church that Sunday. She just wanted to show everyone and share with them this great accomplishment.

In 2007, the year after I graduated, my grandmother had a stroke and was sick for many years. When she passed away in 2018, my grandfather found the Stole of Gratitude in a box of her things, and we laid her to rest with it. It meant so much to her, and it meant so much to me that I could give her something to be proud of."

Monique Gore ’06 is the director of multicultural programming and outreach at Gettysburg College.
“Every time I went to the dining hall, I left happy. I enjoyed starting each day off right by getting a big, fresh breakfast and then eating lunch and dinner at Servo. I also liked to eat some meals at the Bullet Hole (like chicken finger Fridays). Overall, Servo was a hub of memories for me. I always looked forward to Servo Thanksgiving, where I could enjoy a sit-down meal with my friends, pass food around, and be grateful for each other and the food we were eating. But beyond it being a place to eat my meals, when I would study for finals or tests, Servo was my go-to place. I would hunker down at a booth near a plug, charge my laptop, and study with plenty of food and drink to keep me going. I truly think I wouldn’t have experienced the success I had at Gettysburg College, or had my happy, positive college experience, if it hadn’t been for all the memories, studying, and nutritional support given to me at Servo.”

“Much of the guidance I received from Dean [Anne Bucher] Lane wasn’t even directly related to academics. She was constantly going out of her way to help me. During my junior year, my dad had a stroke. That day, I boarded a train back to Rhode Island, where he was in the hospital. Dean Lane came to my dorm when my mom called her. I was obviously very scared, but she made sure I was OK, and called to make sure I made it home. I returned to school almost two weeks later, and then my dad’s health turned worse. I needed to get on a train and come back home.

Dean Lane drove me to the train station. She was a shoulder for me to lean on as I was going through this life-changing experience. My dad passed away that week, and I ended up being away from school for around three weeks. I knew it was going to be a crazy, difficult time to get caught up, but I needed to go back. After going through the most difficult moment in my life, Dean Lane, with her guidance and communication with my professors, helped me put things back into place, continue to succeed in my courses, and graduate on time. Giving her my Stole of Gratitude was certainly insignificant compared to what she did for me. I wouldn’t have been able to get through it without her. But, I hope that when she looks at the stole, she realizes just how influential she was for me during my time at Gettysburg.”
"I studied abroad in Beijing my sophomore year, during which I earned a full year of language course credit. The semester I returned, I had already earned credit for the Chinese language courses being offered, so I wasn’t enrolled in any. Curious as to why I wasn’t taking any language courses, Prof. [Junjie] Luo reached out to me, and after hearing my reasoning, he graciously offered to run a course just for me that we tailored to my individual language needs and goals. Meeting three times a week for 50 minutes at a time, he sacrificed so much of his own time to benefit my language learning and career goals. That showed me how much he cared not just for my language acquisition, but also my future beyond Gettysburg.

This one moment in particular truly exemplifies who he is, not just as an educator, but as a person: we had one of my one-on-one sessions scheduled for a Wednesday afternoon. I received an email from him the night before around 11 p.m. The gist of it was, ‘I may not be able to make our class tomorrow. My wife just went into labor and I’m not sure if I’ll be back on campus by that time.’ The fact he was still thinking about when he’d get back to Gettysburg for our class, even as his family had such a beautiful and exciting event, showed how much his students meant to him.

I gave Prof. Luo my Stole of Gratitude after Commencement. Since he had only been on campus for three years at the time, I was one of the first people to give him a stole. The surprised and touched look on his face when I gave it to him is an image that I will never forget."
HISTORY AND INTERDISCIPLINARY STUDIES PROF. IAN ISHERWOOD ’00
PRESENTED BY EBEN “PETE” FINNEY ’11

“I took Ian’s first-year writing class. I remember that he assigned a personal reflection as a writing prompt. It was something along the lines of ‘where do you want to be in 10 years?’ or ‘what brought you to where you are today?’ It made me look in the mirror and reflect on my life. I still have that paper, and it’s still a reminder of my time growing up, growing into myself, and figuring out academically what I was capable of and where I fit in the liberal arts scene.

I also took Ian’s history writing course and several others. They were not directly related to my coursework—I was a French major—but I kept taking his electives every year because not only was his subject matter enthralling, but he also had a raw sense of humor that humanized him.

Giving my Stole of Gratitude to Ian meant he was the person who had the most profound influence on me, and whom I was closest to over my four years. Amid myriad ‘X factors’ that could make college feel disjointed at times, he did a great job of making sure that it felt cohesive for me. He helped me connect the dots and realize there’s a larger purpose of the Gettysburg College liberal arts education. Finally, he opened my eyes to the opportunities and success that it prepares you for, both inside and outside of your major, as you move forward.”

DO YOU HAVE A STOLE STORY TO SHARE?
Send your story about someone whom you gave, or would have given, your stole to alumnimagazine@gettysburg.edu and we may mention it in an upcoming issue.
When Stephen Nowlan ’72 was a first-year student, he had the idea for Symposium ’70. The series of events would earn its place in College history—and receive official recognition from POTUS—for facilitating discussions around pertinent issues during a notably tumultuous period in U.S. history.

College historian Michael J. Birkner ’72, P’10 shares the Symposium’s making.

Symposium ’70, one of a series of student-driven movements at Gettysburg College during the peak era of activism, was the brainchild of Stephen Nowlan ’72. A natural politician, Nowlan conceived the idea of turning the annual campus “awareness week” into something much bigger. Classes for three days in March 1970 would be canceled for speeches by, and discussions with, leaders in politics, media, education, business, race relations, philanthropy, and social activism.

Nowlan began pitching the idea almost from the moment he arrived on campus as a first-year student in September 1968. It was a wildly ambitious concept, but Nowlan’s idea of an alternative to the disruptive student behavior on other campuses had legs. As Junto, the publication of the College’s chapel council, put it in October 1969, “It’s more than canceling classes for three days and rapping with your roommate. It is an opportunity to show the world that we have accepted our responsibilities as college students. … It will give us a chance to share our ideas and ask the questions that are confronting our generation.”

Symposium ’70 gained traction with Student Senate leadership, several trustees, and faculty (notably Philosophy Prof. Norman Richardson, Religion Prof. John Loose ’51, and Political Science Prof. Kenneth Mott P’07). Trustees, the Class of 1969, and the Senate provided seed money. Nowlan and a small cohort, including Douglas Stewart, Jr. ’72, Anthony Yanketis ’71, and Donald Smith ’71, compiled lists of potential donors and well-known speakers. It seemed, for a time, that the idea might catch on with President Richard M. Nixon and Vice President Spiro T. Agnew, given their antipathy toward what they considered to be destructive student protests. Despite Nowlan’s contacts in Washington, that did not quite work out, though Nixon and Agnew each sent letters commending the enterprise.

Gettysburg College President C. Arnold Hanson was skeptical about the ability of students to pull off such an ambitious plan. But support for Nowlan’s idea was sufficient that Hanson grudgingly endorsed it.
During the fall of 1969, when thorny logistical and public relations issues arose, it seemed that things might fall to pieces. Gettysburgian editors criticized the effort as an ego trip. Anticipated corporate donations were not coming in. And Nowlan was in deep academic trouble, having devoted virtually all his time to planning the Symposium. By December, Senate President Geoffrey Curtiss ’70, P’04 stepped in to steer the ship to port in the face of serious headwinds.

The event turned out to be a historic success. Virtually every contracted speaker showed up for the Symposium between March 11 and 13, participating in formal lectures that drew upwards of 800 people and smaller discussions, held in virtually every space available on campus. The electricity was palpable.

Nationally syndicated columnist Carl Rowan, socialist writer and activist Michael Harrington, former U.S. Interior Secretary Stewart Udall, and former Attorney General Ramsey Clark drew among the biggest crowds.

Perhaps the most meaningful action occurred in the small-group sessions with Sunset Strip preacher Arthur Blessitt, Chicago-based community organizer and author Saul Alinsky, Village Voice writer Nat Hentoff, and the head of the Boy Scouts of America, among others.

A reasonable estimate is that 80 percent of Gettysburg students attended one or more of the Symposium’s events.

Bob Cox ’71 recalled “the unique bonding that took place between students and faculty as both groups mingled in classrooms, dorm lobbies, fraternity houses, and private living rooms listening to real-world heroes relate real-life experiences. This exposure helped expand our consciousness beyond southeast Pennsylvania without focusing on southeast Asia, where so much of our energy was directed in those days.”

President Hanson made clear to all concerned that this event was a one-off. There would be no Symposium ’71, nor another awareness week. But what Nowlan, Curtiss, Smith, and company pulled off was memorable and meaningful. Student activism, they proved, could produce civil, productive dialogue across a wide spectrum of viewpoints. Sensibilities were impacted. Minds were opened about ways to pursue constructive changes in an imperfect society. Sounds like the best of a liberal arts education.
At the bottom of the page, where the word "you" is circled, three more circles branch out: "your other teachers," "your students," and "their students."

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Since its founding in 1832, Gettysburg College has cultivated a culture centered around action and ruled by conscience.

by Megan Miller

When “goodness was struck down [and the president was assassinated], some students started to change the conversation on campus,” he reflected in 2015, during a campus presentation for a symposium on the American civil rights movement.

“In a matter-of-fact way, Gettysburg College helped me get into the wider world of what it meant to be an American,” Hutch said. “Just by getting on that bus, I was on my way.”

Two years later, a rally cry reverberated throughout the nation after the murder of Jimmie Lee Jackson in Selma, Alabama. Gettysburg College’s Chapel Council, then known as a “beacon of light” for social commitment, according to Hutch, brought a group of recruiters from the Southern Christian Leadership Conference to Gettysburg to speak about Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.’s civil rights movement in the Deep South.

“Then and there, I decided I must go south,” Hutch said. “My conscience permitted no other choice.”

The famed protest song “We Shall Overcome” had taken hold in Hutch, as yet another bus was organized by Rev. Dr. John Vannorsdall ’72 to Atlanta. There, Hutch and fellow classmates joined students from other colleges and universities to receive nonviolent activism training before their deployment to an Alabama county. Their intention was to encourage black individuals to register to vote at the courthouse.

Hutch took beatings and shotgun pellets to the leg, yet—inspired by the history of his College in the north, including Abraham Lincoln’s Gettysburg Address that took place 100 years before his first year at Gettysburg—he knew there was no turning back on “all that yet needed to be done.”

“This was my duty,” he recalled.

On the day Hutch returned home, August 6, 1965, President Lyndon Johnson signed the Voting Rights Act into law.

“Coming back to Gettysburg and the entire Gettysburg community, I was beginning to try to envisage King’s beloved community in an ever-expanding mode,” Hutch said. “The summer of 1965 changed my life in profound ways, as fate pulled me further into the future.”
Here, Gettysburgians, past and present, enter a path shaped by civic engagement, one that can strengthen that garment. They strive to make a difference across the globe, becoming leaders of action and integrity, looking to examples set by those such as Lincoln and President Dwight D. Eisenhower. But those moments of action prove unique to each student who steps foot on campus.

When Leon “Buddy” Glover ’71 entered the College in 1967, there were few students of color, he remembered. In fact, he was the lone person of color to graduate from his 500-member class and only the 12th overall in the College’s history. The first was Rudolph Featherstone ’56.

“There just didn’t seem to be a conscious pattern to make it any different,” Glover told archives assistant Devin McKinney, during a campus visit in 2015 for Musselman Library’s oral history collection.

So, Glover launched a newsletter called “Black Awareness,” for which he wrote a majority of its content as the editor. Inspired by King and the Malcolm X Black Hand Society of the World, he summarized racial issues in his introductory column, noting: “Blacks can no longer send whites anywhere to speak for them. We must step forward and speak for ourselves.”

“Sometimes you’ve got to come at it hard in order to get people to listen—even the administration,” said Glover. “I will never forget the first day when this newsletter came out and the impact that it sent across the campus,” added Glover, who became Lancaster County’s first black principal in 1987. “We only ever [published] two issues—that was enough.”

As society evolves, so does the College’s responsibility to engage with it.

“Over time, the definition of civic engagement has changed,” said Ivone Lopez-Espinosa ’19, who was the first student worker in the College’s Diversity & Inclusion Office and is now pursuing a master’s degree in higher education with a concentration on diversity and social justice. “In the ‘70s, the College had the Knoxville Exchange, [an immersion trip to Knoxville College to encourage students to engage in interracial dialogue]. The Center for Public Service has been around since the ‘90s. Students have been vocal about their needs, so activism has been present. I think it grows and is redefined as society progresses.”

Early Lutheran presidents of the College, then known as Pennsylvania College, were committed to “raising young people to give back to society, to strengthen society,” said Josh Stewart ’11, who, after six years with the National Coalition for Homeless Veterans, currently works for Fahe, a nonprofit devoted to ending poverty in Appalachia. In 1933, one of the first two women who graduated from the College, Margaret Himes Seebach, Class of 1894, known for being a pioneer for the College in many ways, organized 200 alumnae from 20 states to sign a petition to make Gettysburg fully coeducational.

“Not all of us are frontline activists, but you do it in your own way. It’s because of this belief. It’s in our culture,” said Jean LeGros ’73, associate vice president emerita of alumni relations at the College—and the first to hold that position—who researched the admission of women to the College. “Care and advocacy for others were part of [Seebach’s] making... Gettysburg College is a wonderful place to foster that.”

“It’s our obligation to go out into the world both as students and alumni and carry that forward,” LeGros continued. “We’re much better as people when we look outward, rather than inward.”
“Civic engagement is not just big-world questions, but it’s also small-world questions,” said Marc Fialkoff ’10, a regulatory specialist at Oak Ridge National Laboratory, who serves as a global expert on nuclear transport laws and security for the International Atomic Energy Agency. “Civic engagement is scalable, from issues of the College to helping countries in Central Asia and around the world transport nuclear and other radioactive materials securely.”

As she researched, Lopez-Espinosa described herself becoming a Mexican woman who joined her parents at weekly English classes. From protests of the Vietnam War in 1970, to the Student Senate addressing issues in support of the lesbian, gay, and bisexual community in 1991, to campus-wide discussions on climate change in 2019, the issues may change over time, but Gettysburgians remain steadfast in their commitment to preparing its students to tackle today’s challenges.

“This orientation toward action and engagement is a defining aspect of the College,” Iuliano said. “It’s also one that shapes its roots as a distinctive history and location. As I look ahead, an important responsibility for the College will be to continue to evolve our curricular and cocurricular programs to equip students with the skills and understanding to deploy the political, cultural, and social mechanisms that can bring about change.”

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Future Growth

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Before the establishment of the College’s modern facilities operations, one man was tasked with maintaining the entirety of campus. From 1876 to 1906, it was Adam Foutz, with the help of his wife, Catherine.

Students were quite fond of the Foutzes, often referring to Adam as “Gov” or “Jan.” They even created a celebratory day for the couple—“Dandelion Day.” During this spring tradition, first-year students would help strip the lawns of pesky dandelions to save Adam from the tedious task of cutting the lawns by hand with a scythe and to repay the couple for their countless gestures of kindness.

While it was not a part of their official duties, the couple voluntarily cared for students who were sick, homesick, or otherwise in need. One record in To Waken Fond Memory: Moments in Gettysburg College History, a compilation of essays written by former College librarian Anna Jane Meyer, noted Adam’s habit of meeting students at the train station with a wheelbarrow or baggage cart to help carry their belongings back to their dormitories.

When Adam died in 1911, the Gettysburg Compiler wrote: “He was good nature itself to all the boys, patient and long suffering and when he pretended to be cross at some pranks of the boys it was always with a twinkle in his eye and a smile on his lips. … And when a boy was ill it was ‘Jan’ who was always ready to do all in his power, and there are many, many students who will dearly cherish to the end of their days the memory of his acts of kindness.”
Young Alumni Awards
MAY 17
Baccalaureate
Spring Honors Day
MAY 16
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OCTOBER 23
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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 asiez@gettysburg.edu or 717-337-8075.

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

Candidates for Honorary Degree
Deadline: September 30 for 2021
Recipients of the College’s highest honor must be individuals whose achievements are well-documented, have lasted over time, and will have an inspirational impact on others, especially our students. The Office of the Provost is accepting nominations for honorary degrees to be awarded at Commencement. The nomination form and guidelines are available online: gettysburg.edu/commencement/traditions/honorary-degrees. Nominations and questions may be directed to Maureen Ferretti at honorarydegree.nominations@gettysburg.edu or 717-337-6522.

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Gettysburg College
Orange & Blue Golf Classic
JUNE 12-17
Civil War Institute (CWI)
Summer Conference
JULY-AUGUST
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50Th Reunion Year
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51St Reunion Year
Spite the Devil
By TF Nugent
A graduate of Gettysburg College, Maude always said she would have sought a divinity degree to become a Lutheran minister had it been possible “back then.” She earned a degree in sociology from the United Lutheran Seminary in Gettysburg. As a lyric soprano, she was involved in voice music for nearly her entire life. She also wrote a novel [Spite the Devil] and contributed columns to many newspapers in the areas she lived. I could go on to elaborate on her musical and other careers. Robert E. O’Brien, 92, passed away on Nov. 15, 2019. Bob (“Obie”) was predeceased by his wife in 2004. In high school, Obie played football, baseball, and basketball, and he was a member of the state championship basketball team. In WWII, he served in the U.S. Navy Air Corps. He earned a degree in physics from Gettysburg, where he was president of the Physics Honor Society during his senior year. He was also a member of SAE fraternity. For 33 years, he worked for the RCA Solid State Division (SSD), where he held various management positions. He was a member of the board of directors of the Wilkes-Barre Industrial Fund, the Pennsylvania Economy League, and the United Way of Wyoming Valley, and he was selflessly active among other public organizations. After graduating, he was on the advisory council of the Orange & Blue Club and the Alumni Association Executive Board, as well as the board of the Adams County Library System. His family declared that he was “a most devoted husband, parent, and grandparent.” He will be sorely missed by a full range of people who knew him. Further details are available on page 72.

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A postcard from Stuart Carwells shows a selfie of him at an elevated height. He is at the 2,500-foot summit of Temple Mountain in NH along the Appalachian Trail. He was participating in the annual New Hampshire Society’s black-bird count of hawks and geese during their southern migration. They fly just below him at the summit by the hundreds. From a less lofty height, another note tells of recent demands on retired U.S. Army Col. Bob Harcourt, 72, a 23-year-old heart transplant. An auto mishap—no injuries—made for some “wackiness” with doctors’ well-balanced diet and use of diabetes medications. It made for a real challenge for the doctors to understand and address. We hope all is well with Bob. 

Robert A. Dietz died Nov. 22, 2019. After Gettysburg College, he graduated from The Pennsylvania Seminary in Gettysburg. He was the pastor at Christ Lutheran Church in Baltimore. From there, he opened the Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd in Bel Air, MD. He is survived by his wife, Karen, and two children, Michael and Geri. He had seven grandchildren and a brother, Arnold, who kindly sent us this sad news. Our condolences go to the Dietz family.

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I am glad to hear that mini reunions are active. Elmarine Moos Molnar,ocky Machtetscher Rohrbach, Joyce Harnen Elmer, and Joy Stedile Graub—dubbed the “Buckeye girls”—men in Hanover, PA, for their annual two-day gathering last Aug. TKE alumni from the ’50s and ’60s have met for the last 22 years. Under the leadership of Ron Fin, they had their last gathering in Oct. 2019. With our son living in York, and a granddaughter as a happy Gettysburg sophomore, we seem to find it easy to visit campus for a special event. We often can include a stop in Lancaster where Marge Mills Carpenter and her husband welcomed us. Lindsey Hammond ’22 is our granddaughter and has the job of calling alums to give to the Annual Fund campaign. If any of you get asked to contribute, be sure to tell Lindsey who you are and be generous! Bruce and I were happy to meet up with classmate Guy Edmiston on campus. Again, I find with a sad note—the deaths of two classmates. Paul Williams and Benjamin Real.

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William is survived by his wife of 55 years, Award. This award is considered the highest honor a member can receive from the PA Medical Society (PAMED) Distinguished Service Award. This award is considered the highest honor a member can receive from PAMED.

Ray worked in the community as a physician for more than 50 years and as an income banker who helped owners of midsized businesses sill their companies. Robert Garam earned a master’s degree in English from Villanova U. He taught English and creative writing at Queens’ County High School in Centreville, MD, for 41 years, as well as creative writing at Chesapeake College. Bob worked as a counselor for adults with developmental disabilities for two years. He hosted a local radio show for senior citizens, playing music and answering their issues. He was also a gifted published poet. Bill McEwan was captain of the soccer team and served as both secretary and president of Lambda Chi Alpha fraternity. After his overseas U.S. Air Force service, he received his JD degree. During his career, he appeared before the CO Public Utilities Commission in numerous rate case hearings, drafted legislation and appeared before the state legislature, and successfully argued for his client before the U.S. Supreme Court. He was passionate about CO and AZ Special Olympics, college sports, reading, traveling, antiquing, and stamp collecting. His sympathy was shared with their families and with you who knew and loved them on campus.


On several much sadder notes, I’ve received word of the passing of the following Class of 1967 classmates: Roger A. Hicks, 74, of Riverton, WY, passed away on Aug. 26, 2019, at the Hospice of Riverton. Roger worked for MD Public Broadcasting from 1972 until 1982. He worked for WY Public Broadcasting from 1982 until his retirement in 2003. He started his own business, Hicks Piano and Organ, which he operated until 2015. Roger enjoyed photography, flying airplanes, railroads and model trains, and playing music on guitars and keyboards. Dwight Dallas Hering, 74, of Lancaster, PA, passed away on Aug. 23, 2019. After graduating from Gettysburg, he earned a master’s degree in music from Temple U. Dwight shared his passion for music by teaching vocal music at Warwick Township and Harleysville school districts. Later in life, Dwight became an addiction counselor working for the Caron Foundation for 19 years before retiring. During his free time, he enjoyed cooking, reading, gardening, and cheering on Philadelphia sports teams. Charles Joseph LaGrutta passed away peacefully on Oct. 20, 2019, from complications following surgery. After graduating from Gettysburg, he earned a master’s degree in social work at Fairleigh Dickinson U and taught school briefly before enlisting in the U.S. Navy. Serving for a time on the Shrewsbury and Stewartstown for MD National Bank (MNB), he operated from 2005 until 2015. He was born in Koge, Denmark. After graduating from Gettysburg, Jan was a linguist and taught high school German, then followed a career as a gasfitter for the state of Pennsylvania’s Fire Marshal, before becoming a lifelong interest in Chinese language and culture. After finishing his military service in 1974, Charles moved to Chicago where he earned a master’s degree in library science from the U of Chicago. Charles remained a Chicago resident for the rest of his life and a favorite walking location was along the lakefront.
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hungry Heart: A Life of Poetry

She joined the Peace Corps after graduation and worked with the World Health Organization’s (WHO) Smallpox Eradication Program in Ethiopia. Later, she worked as a WHO consultant in that program in Bangladesh and India between attending Towson State U in international studies. Jay pursued a career in public health, earned a master’s of public health at the U of HL and worked for the U.S. Public Health Service for a year on a national health survey. He then joined the U.S. Agency for International Development in 1978. After a few years in Washington, he went overseas in 1981 and was a health and family planning officer with USAID in Brazil until 1991. (It was a contest on Bullet Points.) Ron is also a former recipient of the Distinguished Alumni Award. Please send me your information and updates so that I can share them with our classmates.

Mr. Koehler writes that he

She attended Towson State U in international
Hello, classmates. I have the pleasure of reporting on an experience of my own. For the first time in 2019, I attended a game for the first time at the Lincoln Memorial. What a thrill to be cardboarded six times. Yikes! That doesn’t sound like fun, Fran. I’m glad you had that taken care of so you can continue to watch your speedy daughter, Mary, compete in marathons as a nationally ranked runner! The bottom line message is to please take care of yourselves and continue to exercise, eat healthy, and take your Lipitor, high blood pressure medication, or whatever it takes to maintain your healthy lifestyle. Happy holidays and a happy new year to all our classmates!

Gaylord College Class of 1979

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Hello classmates, I have the pleasure of reporting on an experience of my own. I visited PA to see family the first week of Oct. I visited Debi Nardi Swann and her family. They were able to secure admission to a box at Lincoln Financial Field for the Eagles vs. Jets game on Oct 6, 2019. What a thrill to attend a game for the first time at the Lane where I also got to try on an authentic Super Bowl Lid (52) ring. And now on a sad note: Brian Keith Weller of Brevard, PA, passed away on July 21, 2019, at the age of 64 while golfing and fishing with friends in VA. A memorial service was held on July 27, 2019, at Paoli Presbyterian Church, which was attended by many Gettysburgians. He was a member of SAE fraternity and a graduate from Gettysburg and Widener University. Most recently, he was the founder and owner of Global Safety First, a marketing company that promoted new products in the vaccine industry. He is survived by his wife, Marcia, his son Jonathan and Daniel (and his wife), his grandson Mason and Brady, his brother Curtis, and his father Paul. He was loved by many and will be greatly missed.

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No news this time around. May 2020 bring you everything you wish for and more! We’d love to hear from you!

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In Sept., Sue Speckman Murray, Laura Burke Heckler, Susan M. Milne, and their husbands met in Venice, Italy, for a few days before they cruised to Croatia, Slovenia, and Montenegro. In Nov., Sue, Laura, Susan, Pam Gabenkos Neighbors, and Karen Ziegler Goldfine attended the wedding of Emily Bruce, daughter of Lisa Morton Bruce and Rick. Special congratulations to Pam and Carl Neighbors, who officially adopted Stephan after many years of serving as his foster family. Liz Parker Sablik and her husband Paul live in Vienna, VA. They have two sons: Daniel (26) and Luke (21). Liz teaches preschool, arranges flowers with her husband, and represents the National Cathedral Guild in DC, and volunteers for her church. She’s looking forward to attending the 60th Reunion in 2020. Dave Shaffer and his wife Susan are almost empty nesters. Their oldest son is out on his own, their middle daughter is a sophomore at Salisbury U, and the youngest is a senior in high school but has high wheels and is rarely home. They spent some time together with Scott Erickson during the summer and are looking forward to attending the 40th Reunion.

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Gettysburg College Class of 1980

’81
Lots of mail from the Class of 1981! First, Stephanie Kurt Pelcher is enjoying retirement, family, consulting work, and travel, while her wife, Camille, is suffering from a long battle with cancer. Kathryn “Kathy” Ann Johnson died on Aug. 12. Kathryn had a distinguished career with IBM and will be sadly missed. Wendy Brown-Arnold reports that she and nine others—Barbara Latham Marley, Jan Kull Kreutzel, Karen Brostrup Granner, Lynn Harris Melson, Donna Yocom Parish, Megan McPhail Schram Schmidt, June Forsyth Miller, Leslie Barber, and Peter Broun—gathered in Philadelphia to celebrate their collective 60th birthdays and reminisce about their G’burg days. They came from as far away as NC and MA to discuss and argue about who zoomed with whom and for how long and whether the Servo food was good or bad, while catching up and enjoying each other’s company. Gary Rotenberg writes that he just celebrated 35 years with Chubb Insurance Group as a manager of the global tax department in Philadelphia. In his spare time, he and his wife Silvia enjoy their grandchildren, listen to their local church, bake, and follow the drum corps activity. Gary recently got together with Jim Zarrella ’79 and his wife Cathy, who works at the College. Jim and he were roommates at Gettysburg, and the four of them get together and vacation frequently. Phyllis Leopold was taken to dinner in Ridgefield, CT, for her 60th birthday last May by Linda Hartford Foundner ’82, Jennifer Pierson Case ’82, and Cynthia Shands Nachtegall ’82. Later, Phyllis, Carol Shelly, Laura Barb Spillane, and Barb Bittern rented a house for a week in Rehoboth, DE. Carol Shelly celebrated her birthday by going on a trip in November with a Gettysburg group branch in NYC before they went to see a Broadway play. Participants included Phyllis Leopold, Laura Barb Spillane, and Barb Bittern. Linda Hartford Foundner ’82, Jennifer Pierson Case ’82, and Cynthia Shands Nachtegall ’82 also attended. Sarah Babylon Dorrance shares that, in June, Carolyn Wilckenroth, Nanette Winter Jordan, Donna Meriam Prostrack, Karen Davidson Rodino, Donna Ewing, and Molly Tome Elkof ’79 gathered together at the beach. Carol, Nanette, and Donna are all retired music teachers and continue to have their hand in music in some way or another. Tom Jordan stopped by, too. He and Nanette both continue to play gigs at various places. Donna Varichco Ewing continues to teach music, and her band wins awards all the time for their excellence and abilities. Karen received teaching from Spanish and lives in FL with her husband, Peru Rodin ’79 and Karen and Sarah connected with Donna Strack Chambers, who has her PhD from Georgetown and is the department chair for Spanish and French at Penn State Berks. Last year, Sarah decided to step down from leading a very large UMC church so that she could have time to be a grandmother. She continues to do ministry in coaching other clergy and a healing prayer ministry. Last winter, she launched a book on her experience of the Camino de Santiago. You can find her writing on Amazon or araldoradvice.com. Thanks for all the news and good genes! Larry Vignali wrote that he liked his new son-in-law, whose father is a Phi Delt from the U of WA, so they have great genealogy! Larry also said that freshman year third floor of Rice Hall was really praised because they could talk, study, or sleep, without the need of an RAT! I’m sure Larry was a super father of the bride. Now I wonder if they did one of those funky father-daughter dances? I’m very sad to pass along that Mark Robbins passed away unexpectedly on Nov. 26, 2019, in Charlottesville, VA. Mark received his BA in history from the University of VA, so he knows he came from a Yankee family line, but he had an affinity for Civil War history. He began his medical career at the UVA Medical Center, specializing in pulmonary and critical care. In addition to many awards and publications in the medical field, Mark was an avid cyclist and triathlete, challenging himself in national competitions. He was an active member of local cycling groups and had a special fondness for the rural roads and landscapes in VA, never missing a photo opp. He enjoyed playing piano and chess and had an affinity for Civil War history. Mark is survived by his wife of 31 years, Amy Gustaveusson Robbins; his three sons, Luke Gustaveusson Robbins, Jefferson Chase Robbins, and Jonathan Eric Robbins; one sibling, D. Pelle (Paul) Robbins; his parents, Alice and Dr. Jerry Robbins; his brothers-in-law, Eric Gustaveusson and Mark Gustaveusson; his sister-in-law, Kathy Gustaveusson; one uncle, Charles Staub standout; and many cousins, nieces, and nephews. In lieu of flowers, the family would like to continue Mark’s love for human life as well as his support for surroundingby by donating to a cause of your choice, including mental health, substance abuse, clear air and water, preservation of our natural resources, trail systems, and bike paths. I’m sure everyone in our class joins me in offering our sympathies to the Mark’s family and friends. My husband Brad was diagnosed with Hodgkin’s lymphoma this past summer and just finished his chemotherapy treatments this week. Luckily, his last scan showed that it was still throughout his body. It’s made us extremely grateful to be able to travel and enjoy our surroundings. I hope you’re all enjoying every moment! Write and tell me how.

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Gettysburg College Class of 1984

‘84
Hello, dear friends of the Class of ’84! I hope you are enjoying the glimpse of spring and life around us! Since our last column, I had word from several sources of the death of Bill Coventry. His obituary as read by his son-in-law, Steve Rand, on January 5, 57, passed away in Denver, CO, on July 29, 2019, after a long illness. He is survived by his mother, Leslie Cole (Brad Asher) of Louisville, and their children, Lila and Lucas; his sister, Leslie Cole; his brother, Jim Coventry (Pam) of Stroudsburg, PA, and their children, Anna and Thomas; and his brother, Jim Coventry (Pam) of Stroudsburg, PA, and their children, Steven and Rebecca. Born in Nuyack, NY, Bill moved with his family to parasonges in NY and NJ before the family settled in...
William Sr., was called to serve as VT and Clarion U. He served as night minister at Middletown Reformed Church. Many of Andy’s friends from high school and classmates to join in the fun. News flooded in from the Class of ’93. Where to start? Michelle Corsulich was Michelle’s favorite professor. Christopher Boris lives outside of Baltimore these days with his partner, Annie. By day, Chris works as a storage engineer, and by night, he rocks the bass with DeadEye Stare, a modern rock cover band. Check out their Facebook page and catch a show! Douglas Luchti shared a good story with me. Doug’s daughter plays hoops at Doug looked around the stands and could not find me. He figured I was just the deadbeat dad who does not come to see his son play. However, he did not fully investigate the trends area where I was and still am the coach. I had last seen Doug and his Crate crew running around Pittsburgh after a Pirates game about six or seven years ago. I merrily joined them for some sodas after the game. Doug’s crew has continued their get-togethers at various major league cities, and they have been to Chicago, San Francisco, Oakland, Boston, D.C., and St. Louis. I have not had much news come in from other ’87ers, so I wanted to mention a recent fundraiser that many in the Gettysburg community attended. Our very good friend from the Class of ’86, Andy Coen (”the Tan Man”), has recently been diagnosed with early onset Alzheimer’s disease. Due to this disease, Andy had to resign after a successful 3-year run as the head football coach at Lehigh U, where he was the school’s all-time winningest coach. Classmate Tom Aretz ’86, Bob Lewis ’86, Mike Milstead ’86, and Miguel Yanes ’86 recently organized and ran a golf tournament fundraiser at Silver Creek Golf Club in Bethlehem, PA, to help alleviate medical and educational costs for Andy, his wife Laura, and their three kids. At this outing were many of Andy’s friends from high school (Chevy Hill, NJ), and from other work posts such as the U.S. Marine Merchant Academy (Kings Point) and Lehigh. But the most impressive showing was the huge outpouring of support from the Gettysburg community. Many of Andy’s teammates and friends were in attendance. They included fraternity (Phi Delts, SAEs, and TKEs) and sorority (Gamma Phi and Delta Zetas) members, as well as some of the coaches from Andy’s Gettysburg days. It really said something about the ties that Gettysburg College has helped to foster and connect. It was one of those proud moments to say we were a Gettysburg alum. Those present from the Class of ’87 included me, Seth Bendian, Sean Murphy, Jim Myretos, and Max Rockstroh. We even had Skip Htn ’86 make the trip from AK to support Andy. If you want to contribute to Andy and his family during this trying time, please reach out to me. He also loves phone calls and catching up. We are all praying for a cure to help our good friend. Jim Anderson 11 Bay Ridge Road Lendsa, NJ 07737 732-564-4602 andersjo27@gmail.com Gettysburg College Class of 1987 Carol Whiting Gordon 1605 Trapp Court Crofton, MD 21114 410-721-3927 joygarcia1609@gmail.com Gettysburg College Class of 1988 Patty Hunter Lovett 9080 Capanoer Drive Potomac, MD 20854 301-621-9367 partylovett@verizon.net Gettysburg College Class of 1989 Amy Tarollo Mihota 315 Birmingham Avenue #2 Caroline Beach, NC 28420 603-548-6706 astarollo@gmail.com Gettysburg College Class of 1990 Doug Steinhardt was named by Insider NF to its Insider 100 Power list for NF, coming in at No. 13. The history major is a named partner in a law firm, as well as the chair of the NJ Republican State Committee. Michelle Lynette A. Hughes 513 Johnson Avenue #42 Queenstown, New Zealand, where they spent 10 days touring Dublin and the west of Ireland. Jurin describes the country as “wild, stark, and beautiful beyond description. The food was incredibly good and the beer and whiskey were even better!” She keeps in touch with Amy Santangelo Bowyer, and they are both planning to be a part of the 30th Reunion in May. Sounds great, Jen! Last summer, Tracey Clark Coleman and her husband traveled with several family members to England and Scotland for a few weeks. Tracey felt very lucky to have the experience as they visited historic sites such as Stonehenge, cathedral, castle, and cathedrals. They arrived at their Highland cliffs. The family are fish and chips on the Thames and even got to pet Coos (Highland cattle). They traveled from London and Whistley to the Isle of Skye, then down to Cornwall, and they ended their time in Sussex. Now the family is preparing for their son’s graduation from Elon U in NC. It sounds as if you have lots of exciting things going on, Tracey. Congratulations! Stay well, everyone, and keep the news coming. Please make plans to be with us at Gettysburg at the end of May. Amy Tarollo Mihota 315 Birmingham Avenue #2 Caroline Beach, NC 28420 603-548-6706 astarollo@gmail.com Gettysburg College Class of 1990 ’91

In Oct. 2015, Judy Ostronic married Geoff Cotton at the Congressional Country Club in Potomac, MD. Judy and Geoff met working in India years ago at an expat party. They moved to Hong Kong where they spent three years, and last fall, they moved to Queenstown, New Zealand, where they spent the holiday season, which to me is a time to reflect and be grateful for friends and family. Godspeed, Peter.
gerontology, studying at the U of MD–Baltimore and UMBC. Bridget Kelly Baily teaches fourth grade in VA. This fall, the fourth-grade class at her school welcomed National Park Service Ranger and former classmate Jen Epstein Rudnick, who presented to the class a great program on the national parks. At the conclusion of the program, each child was given a special pass allowing the children and their families free access to all the parks for a year. This is the fourth time they have been able to collaborate. After leaving the health and fitness industry to raise her three daughters, Jeanne Oronne Tampany started a successful dog-walking business, 4 Paws Pet Services. After retiring from teaching fourth and fifth grade in the Baltimore City Public Schools, Billy Michels started his own photography and videography business, Billy Michels Photography. Based in Baltimore, he travels nationally and internationally. Tam Bray Atwood started a new job in 2019 with Curriculum Associates in Billerica, MA, and is always looking for classmates to join in the fun.

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Gettysburg College Class of 1995

20th REUNION YEAR

B.J. Jones presented to the 1995 Gettysburg College Class of 1995 that supports the Fairy Godmother Project in Fredericksburg, VA. It helps families facing pediatric cancer. Erin also had her modeling debut with Motherchic, which is a clothing collection with the Gibson brand that will be sold at Nordstrom. The collection, which debuted in May 2019, is comfortable, casual, chic, and effortless. You can learn more about the collection by reading this article: themotherchic.com/2019/04/03/ coming-this-may/ or by visiting the store. Leigh Rausse Craighill has written and illustrated a children’s book, Georgette Has a Cold, Adventures in Avignon. Georgette is a young girl who lives in Avignon, France. She plans to return to Provence with her mum (mom) for the day when she comes down with a terrible cold. Visit Amazon to get your copy. I had a busy end to the year. I was elected onto the Alumni Board of Directors. I look forward to serving Gettysburg College in this new capacity. I also welcomed a son into the world by the gift of adoption on Sept. 27, 2019. George Harmer Bottone. I’m currently helping the team by serving as a member of the Succor Alumni Council. It’s an interview to meet the players and then help them network as they seek internships or employment post-graduation. My wife Lauren and I have two children, Emma (9) and Anderson (7). I’m working at their school, the Congressional School, as the assistant head for advancement.” If anyone is interested in taking over our class alumni responsibilities, please let me know! I’m happy to move aside so someone else can volunteer one’s time and talents. See you in May!

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Gettysburg College Class of 1996

Happy New Year, Class of 1999! I hope you all had a wonderful holiday season and are settling into the new decade! Val Katsumura McAdoo co-founded an acting school, Actors Co-op, in Swarthmore, PA. Through a variety of fun exercises and techniques, the Actors Co-op is creating a safe and inclusive environment for kids, teens, and adults to encourage creativity and the beauty of story-telling, and to explore the craft of acting, specifically for film and television. If you want to learn more, visit them at theartisans-op.com. Erin Hardy Burns is still very active with advocacy and fundraising with Save Josh. Save Josh funds a ‘pantry’ at the Ronald McDonald House—The Josh Hardy Pantry. Save Josh also is connected with the St. Jude’s Super Hero project that supports the Fairy Godmother Project in Fredericksburg, VA. It helps families facing pediatric cancer. Erin also had her modeling debut with Motherchic, which is a clothing collection with the Gibson brand that will be sold at Nordstrom. The collection, which debuted in May 2019, is comfortable, casual, chic, and effortless. You can learn more about the collection by reading this article: themotherchic.com/2019/04/03/ coming-this-may/ or by visiting the store.

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20th REUNION YEAR

Greetings, classmates! I hope you’ve saved the date for our 20th Reunion, May 28—30. We are planning an amazing weekend, so please mark your calendars and plan on coming to campus. We’d also appreciate it if you’d consider a gift to the College in honor of this special occasion. Think about all that the College has given you is great education, experiences you could have only had there, memories, the fountain, Piazza House, friends for a lifetime, and possibly your soulmate), and we hope you’ll join us in celebrating in making a gift to celebrate a graduate of the Class of 1999 if you missed it, Lauren Conney is killing it. She was appointed to the Forbes Business Council this past fall, collaborating with them on certain projects, and she will be writing for the publication. Lauren wrote, “I’m also doing leadership strategy work for executives and some high-level coaching. If anyone wants to reach out to learn more, they can email me at lauren@patkaboho.com.” Paul Smith left Credit Suisse after 18 years to join BNY Mellon as a principal application developer. Congrats, Paul! Congratulations to Chris Pryor, who was inducted into the Gettysburg College Hall of Athletic Honor this fall. Chris wrote, “I’m currently helping the team by serving as a member of the Succor Alumni Council. It’s an incentive to mentor the current players and to help them network as they seek internships or employment post-graduation. My wife Lauren and I have two children, Emma (9) and Anderson (7). I’m working at their school, the Congressional School, as the assistant head for advancement.” If anyone is interested in taking over our class alumni responsibilities, please let me know! I’m happy to move aside so someone else can volunteer one’s time and talents. See you in May!

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Gettysburg College Class of 2001

On Nov. 1, 2019, Kyelsey and Jason Weidt were blessed with their fourth child (third daughter), Hollie Grey. What great news! Please feel free to send along any updates you would like to share with our class.

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Gettysburg College Class of 2002

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Gettysburg College Class of 2003
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Quirky 2007

Kristen Leatherbee LeRoy

queerness. We are always excited to host campus this fall.

Ola Carew

join our class on Facebook.

reside near campus in Gettysburg.

Hillary Jackendoff stated, “I actually use my degree in philosophy every day in my work...” (more)

Bethany Hortsman Cannon

workshop on self-care. She taught students how to make their own body

Laura Chamberlain Smith and her husband Tyler welcomed their second child, Jackson, on Aug. 18, 2019. Jackson weighed in at 8 lbs. 13 oz., and his big sister Layla was over excited about his arrival! Nicholas Campnolus and his wife Chelsea welcomed their son Nicholas Anthony in the wee hours of the morning on Dec. 5, 2019. Baby Nick weighed in at an even 6 lbs. and is doing great. Chris Berleth was promoted to executive director of membership at the Greater Susquehanna Valley Chamber of Commerce. The promotion recognized his past in a chamber-wide success story—the opening of a new community college satellite campus, which earned the chamber the PA “Chamber of the Year” Award by the PA Association of Chamber Professionals. After the statewide win, Chris was honored to be offered a position on the PACC board of directors, which he happily accepted! Finally, a huge shoutout to one of my favorite Gettysburgians: Jamison James with his beautiful wife Lauren welcomed their first child, Polly Claghorn, on Nov. 29, 2019. at 12:42 a.m. The lovely little lady (who just couldn’t wait until her momma due date to meet her family) weighed in at 5 lbs. 9 oz. and is just gorgeous. Cheers to a terrific spring and a summer that can’t be beat!

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Thank you to everyone who sent in your update. It’s hard to believe we’ve all been out of Gettysburg for the same number of years that you attended, but we're thrilled to share your success stories and to learn about the amazing things that your classmates have been up to recently. Bethany Fox was included on D.C.'s 2019 small business accounting firm. In his free time, he enjoys playing in the Brooklyn neighborhood. An estimated 18,000 years ago, the site of the Gettysburg Battlefield was part of the Neolithic rock paintings that are around Lake Erie. The College offers a complementary and alternative medicine first-year seminar that sparked their interest in public health and well-being. Ellie DeVitt finished up her first semester at the U of A's Graduate School of Education, where she is getting her PhD in education policy. Haley Glebhanz attended Mid State College of Law with an area of focus in environmental law. She is proud to say that her Gettysburg education has objectively given her an advantage over her peers. Haley Skinsent works as a statistician at the U.S. Dept. of Justice in D.C. Hannah H Hammill is a biologist at the Institute for In Vitro Sciences. Izabella Bucher completed her first semester of graduate school at the PA College of Ompomery. Jen Traylor continues to work with the National Park Service seasonally while beginning an MA in public health and taxation at the U of Glasgow. Samantha Pfeffer serves with AmeriCorps as a NJ WaterWeeks Ambassador for Watershed Management Area 20. While this AmeriCorps position is run through the NJ Department of Agriculture, the alumni in attendance include...
Jason Tercha ’09 and Laura Caruso ’09 were married on August 17, 2019. They were lucky to celebrate the occasion, surrounded by family and friends, including 12 other Gettysburg College alumni. Laura Caruso ’09 and Jason Tercha ’09 are seated in the front row to the left (from left to right) are Tristan (Malinich) Hylas ’20 and Beth (Lazey) Gross ’20. In the second row from left to right: Danielle Beaucage ’19 (in the suit), Tyler Hylas ’20 (light blue shirt), Sandy Kish (nee G & Jenny alumnus, Maddow Shephard’s husband of October 2019), Maddow Shepherd ’99 (in pink/red dress). Finally, in the back row, from left to the far right: Corey Whitey ’10 (all with sunglasses), Matt Gross ’10, Dave Thomas ’09, Amy Thomas ’09, Amy Anderson ’09, Kristin Makar ’08, and Jessica Tercha ’08. (Photo courtesy of Steph Hazel-Lining Photography)
Ye-on Su Kim, associate professor in the Sunderman Conservatory of Music, passed away peacefully in November after an extended illness. Ye-on Su was surrounded by her loving family, including her husband, Eduardo Leandro, in a hospital outside Seoul, South Korea, at the time of her passing.

As the first violinist of the Cosmos Quartet, Yeon-Su delivered performances in Germany, Austria, and England, and worked in residences under the Amadeus Quartet and the Tokyo Quartet. Her teachers included David Takeno, Syoko Aki, Simon Fischer, and Yuri Mazurkevich. She was the recipient of numerous awards, such as prizes at the Semmering Competition and the Leverhulme Fellowship at the Royal Academy of Music in England. As a restitutist and chamber musician, she performed and taught in festivals in Austria, Brazil, England, Germany, Italy, Korea, and the United States. She has given performances on the BBC Radio and the German National Radio.

Above all, Yeon-Su was an inspiring and dedicated teacher who was committed to her students and generous with her time. In 2016, Yeon-Su’s outstanding teaching was recognized by her peers through the Luther W. and Bernice L. Thompson Family, including her husband, Eduardo Leandro, in a hospital outside Seoul, South Korea, at the time of her passing.

According to one of her colleagues, Yeon-Su was the type of colleague with whom one could have highly engaging, wide-ranging discussions about music and life. Moreover, she has been described as an insightful musician whose depth of understanding was informed by a long acquaintance with art. Yeon-Su worked for the excellence of the Sunderman Conservatory of Music, passed away peacefully in November after an extended illness. Yeon-Su was surrounded by her loving family, including her husband, Eduardo Leandro, in a hospital outside Seoul, South Korea, at the time of her passing.

ROBERT E. O’BRIEN ’51

Robert “Bob” E. O’Brien, of Gettysburg, PA, died Nov. 15, 2019, at the age of 92. Born in Brooklyn, NY, O’Brien grew up in Bergen County, NJ, and graduated from Ridgefield Park High School, where he participated in football, baseball, and was a member of the 1944 state championship basketball team. O’Brien studied physics at Gettysburg College, where he was president of the Physics Honor Society, co-captain of the basketball team, and a member of the Gettysburg College Honor Society and the Sigma Alpha Epilson Fraternity. He was employed by RCA Corp. for 33 years, where he held various management positions, including plant manager for Power Transformer Operations in Moutainside, PA. In addition, he was project manager of semiconductor for the MX Missile Guidance and Control System and project director for Technology Transfer Programs at Somerville, NJ.

After retiring in Gettysburg, he volunteered at Gettysburg College for the Orange and Blue Athletic Advisory Council, Alumni Association Executive Board, Commission on the Future, and several other committees. He was selected to the Gettysburg College Hall of Athletic Honor in 1993 and was given a Meritorious Service Award by the College in 1996.

He is survived by five daughters, Anne M. Kupstas, Carolyn L. Austin, Eileen M. Clachan, Catherine E. Pace, Susan E. Wagner, and their families.

RUSSELL K. RIEGEL ’50

Russell K. Riegel, 90, legendary athletic director and wrestling coach, passed away Nov. 7, 2019, in Richmond, VA. Riemer was born in Washington, NJ, and began a lifelong relationship with wrestling at Washington High School. He was a four-time New Jersey high school state finalist, winning state championship titles in 1944 and 1946. He studied history and wrestled at Washington High School. He was a four-time New Jersey high school state finalist, winning state championship titles in 1944 and 1946. He studied history and wrestled at Washington High School.

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HENRY W. WEDAA ’49

Henry “Hank” W. Wedaa, 95, passed away on Nov. 13, 2019, at his home in Anaheim, CA. Wedaa was a longtime Yorba Linda, CA, city councilman and environmental consultant who served in the Air Force during World War II. Wedaa, born in NJ, enlisted in the Army Air Force at the age of 18 and was trained as a bombardier and aerial gunner. After serving in more than 30 missions over Northern Europe during World War II, Wedaa went on to study physics and chemistry at Gettysburg College, and then physics in graduate school at the University of Arizona.

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He is survived by his two daughters, Karena (Kree) Bakic and Tina Stevens, and their families; and a sister, Ava Maria Staub.

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John Jaeger '65

passed away on February 16, 2020, at the age of 76. Gettysburg College Honorary Life Trustee John Jaeger '65

served on the College’s Board of Trustees for 14 years in a variety of strategic areas, including through his leadership to several student scholarships and campus facilities projects, the Gettysburg Fund, and the Eisenhower Institute, as well as contributions to the advancing our shared mission by strengthening the institution.

He was, until his passing, the last of our living Honorary Life Trustees, a distinction awarded to only 11 people in the history of our College,” said President Bob Iuliano.

“I had the honor of meeting John in my early weeks as president, and was immediately inspired by his deep admiration for, and commitment to, his alma mater. His volunteer service to our College, particularly on the Board of Trustees and the Eisenhower Institute National Advisory Council, combined with his selfless philanthropic support, will continue to have a profound impact on Gettysburg College for generations to come. He leaves a remarkable legacy that will not be forgotten. I join the campus community in expressing my condolences to his family and friends.”

A former business major, Jaeger served as the chairman of the JNAC Corporation. As a Visionary Gettysburgian and a member of our 1832 Society, Jaeger’s lifetime family giving to Gettysburg College exceeded $7 million, including a $5.7 million gift to the John Jaeger Unrestricted Endowment in 2011. In honor of his generous philanthropic support, Jaeger’s name was added to our Benefactors’ Wall in 2005.

“I am fortunate to have known John and his family for many years, and I consider him one of my closest friends,” said Bob Duikstra ’77, former chair of the Board of Trustees. “Behind his tough exterior was a most generous and humble man. My world is better for having known John.”

Jaeger was a driving force behind the Center for Athletics, Recreation and Fitness, which opened in 2009 and was rededicated in his honor in 2012. As the key advocate of the Center’s creation, Jaeger spearheaded a Trustee-led subcommittee that performed a detailed preconstruction review, including project scope and architectural design. Shortly after this intensive work, the Board of Trustees unanimously approved the $25 million project and fundraising commenced. Jaeger delivered the first major gift to the project—and offered to match all future gifts to the Center, dollar-for-dollar, up to $1.2 million.

Today, the Center serves as an ideal athletically and recreation space for Gettysburg’s active campus community. The 55,000-square-foot building connects to the Bram Wacker Center Athletic Complex and includes a natatorium with eight competition lanes, a four-lane warm-up pool, and 350-seat spectator gallery. The Center also features a 10,000-square-foot weight and fitness room, multipurpose spaces, and a state-of-the-art bouldering and rock-climbing wall.

The John F. Jaeger Center for Athletics, Recreation and Fitness was constructed following a set of standards for environmental sustainability developed by the United States Green Building Council, also known as the Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) Green Building Rating System. Thanks in large measure to the Center, Gettysburg College earned a Top 20 “Best Athletic Facilities” ranking by Princeton Review in 2015, 2018, and 2019, as well as “Everyone Plays Intramural Sports” recognition by the outlet in 2014, 2015, and 2016.

Since his graduation in 1965, Jaeger proved to be one of Gettysburg College’s most devoted volunteers. He served as chair of the Life Safety Task Force, Bullet Land Board, and the Audit and College Life Committees, as well as co-chair of the Athletics and Recreation Facilities Committee. Jaeger also sat on the Finance, Endowment, Vice Presidential Search, and Steering Committees, among many others. 

“John Jaeger’s love for Gettysburg College was boundless,” said Trustee Emeritus Bob Joseph ’69. “He had ambitious aspirations for Gettysburg, setting the bar high and continuously asking what he and others could do to help make the College even better. John led by example, through his distinguished service as a Trustee and his very generous financial support, hoping that his actions would inspire others to do the same. We socialized often—on the golf course, in a Judge’s court, and over dinner with our wives and friends, where the conversation invariably turned to what was new at the College or the status of the current comprehensive campaign. John will long be remembered by the Gettysburg College community as an alumnus who truly made a difference and by me as a great friend who is dearly missed.”

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DON SNYDER ’62,
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METICULOUSLY CURATED
A 1,100-SQUARE-FOOT
TOY COLLECTION.

I began collecting toys in December 1966. At the time, I was the personnel manager in the Sears Trenton, New Jersey, store. We had just purchased 200 Lionel complete starter train sets, which we sold for $6.88. I bought one for our 2-year-old son, and I was hooked. Like most young boys growing up in the late 1940s and 1950s, many of us had a fascination with toy trains, vehicles, soldiers, and cowboys and Indians. Those were the early days of television, the Korean War, and all sorts of new post-war products. Those early interests stayed with many of us as we started our own families.

During my 32-year career with Sears, my promotions relocated our family 11 different times to new cities and states. Fortunately, I am blessed with a wonderful wife, Linda Giulino Snyder ’63, who was totally supportive of our transfers and always tolerant of my ever-growing collection of toys. Given all the relocations we made over the years, one might think I would ultimately become frustrated and lose the abiding interest in pursuing my hobby. That never happened and it seems to be a similar phenomenon with many other collectors whom I have known over the years. The perennial hunt is often as satisfying as the actual acquisition.

I have at times been asked if I identified any overlap with my hobby and my retail career. In my case, I believe there was. One of the crucial elements in retail merchandising excellence is presentation. This begins first with the overall impression the incoming customer feels about the store layout and appearance. It then carries forward to the actual presentation of the store’s merchandise. Is the merchandise displayed neatly with related accessories or add-ons close by? Is the space well-maintained? These are the cardinal principles I emphasized throughout my career from department manager to regional manager positions. This attention to detail carried over to the presentation of my toy collection in many of our homes.

My aim was always to make my presentations as realistic and interesting as possible. For example, I made a village train display with buildings, vehicles, and people. I organized the trains around the walls of my train room by type and the geographic locations they represented. I would be remiss if I did not explain that while the collection occupied 1,100 square feet of our New York home, you could visit us and never even know that the collection was present. It occupied a large bonus room on our second floor and 800 square feet of our finished basement. My wife, Linda, in explaining her husband’s passion said, “You can take the man out of retail, but you can’t take the retail out of the man.”
My experience at Gettysburg College prepared me for life, for job changes, relocations, and the challenges of leadership and parenting that came my way. I also established lifelong friendships that survive to this day. I quenched my competitive thirst through intramurals and the ice hockey club. Guest speakers, plays, musical concerts, art exhibits, and the historical significance of the campus and the surrounding region all added to the richness and depth of college life.

I did not realize, when I walked across the stage to receive my diploma, that the critical thinking and research skills, openness to alternative opinions, tolerance, and the unquenchable curiosity I developed would also prepare me for unexpected health challenges.

In May 2018, following a month of symptoms I attributed to my annual tiff with seasonal allergies, I was administered a brain MRI based on an increasing frequency of stumbles. A lesion was found on my right temporal lobe. The craniotomy and tumor resection surgery went well, and a few days later, it was confirmed I had a glioblastoma multiforme (GBM) grade IV tumor.

The critical thinking skills I honed at Gettysburg were put to the test, leading to what I feel have been important decisions I needed to make along this new journey. I control what I can control. I stay abreast of potential trials, share my story, stay positive, and speak publicly to raise awareness of brain tumors, including GBM, and of Optune, an antimitotic device. Hopefully, in some way, I am able to inspire medical professionals, caregivers, and patients dealing with a variety of cancers to continue their work to find a cure, to live in the moment, and to have hope, even in the face of potentially daunting statistics.

As of the writing of this story, I am approaching 20 months since my diagnosis with no signs of the tumor recurring. I also know that it will recur at some point, and I trust that my care team, caregivers, and I will embark on a new treatment protocol, with our eyes still firmly set on living a full life for as long as it takes to find a definitive cure for GBM.
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