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A Robust Response from Gettysburgians.

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BE SAFE  
BE KIND  
BE HOPEFUL



## UPFRONT

As the COVID-19 pandemic took root in New York City, Broadway's theaters were ordered to close their doors in an effort to control the deadly virus. As goes Broadway, so goes the rest of America's theaters, and within less than 24 hours, theaters and movie houses across the nation went dark.

In Gettysburg, the College's Majestic Theater was facing a similarly uncertain future. As Majestic Theater staff prepared to close its doors, Founding Executive Director Jeffrey Gabel scrawled a brief message and gave it to crew member Bob Brown to hang on the marquee: BE SAFE. BE KIND. BE HOPEFUL.

The next day, Gabel, the past chairman of the League of Historic American Theatres (LHAT), posted a photo of the Majestic's marquee on LHAT's popular online message board. The post went viral: soon, dozens of theaters across the country were creating their own hopeful marquee messages and sharing their photos.

Gabel remarked, "Historic theaters are beacons of joy in their communities, especially in dark times. We look forward to our stages and screens being gathering places once again, where everyone is welcome, and where our artists will enrich the cultural and economic life of our communities."

*Photo by Miranda Harple*

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# FOLLOWING A HISTORIC YEAR AT OUR COLLEGE, ONE DEFINED BY UNPRECEDENTED CHALLENGES, MY OPTIMISM IN THE VIBRANCY OF GETTYSBURG'S FUTURE REMAINS UNDIMMED.

**I**t is undimmed because the education we provide is as essential today as it has ever been. This is reflected in the many ways our graduates serve society, as well as the ways in which we equip our students for fulfilling personal and professional lives.

All said, Gettysburg College will not stand still. We will continue to advance our shared mission and embody our core values as we shape a bright and ambitious future together for this remarkable institution.

Since joining this community nearly two years ago, I have engaged students, faculty, staff, trustees, alumni, parents, and friends. We have explored what makes this College special and how we can best prepare students for the world that awaits. We also have examined the demographic and financial challenges before us and the unique opportunities within our grasp. Informed by all I have learned, I believe our path forward is not found in some radical reconceptualization of who we are. Rather, it is found in a commitment to reinforcing and building upon our institutional strengths.

Indeed, it is found in Living Our Promise.

At its heart, Living Our Promise means inspiring our students to lead lives of meaning, service, and consequence—and then showing them *how* to do so. **This is the work of our College's new strategic planning process.** Through the extraordinary efforts of our planning committees—and the wisdom and creativity our community has brought forward—I'm pleased to share this work is actively underway and will soon find resonance across our entire student experience.

Once completed, our new strategic plan will stretch us to offer a liberal arts and sciences education that is yet more integrated, more intentional, and of the excellence that we have long expected of ourselves and that our students and families rightfully expect of us.

The strategic plan will be forged by a set of principles that derive from our institutional identity and what students need to thrive in today's complex and interrelated world. These principles include the development of a robust, relevant, and integrated academic and cocurricular student experience; a commitment to diversity, inclusion, and belonging; the tools to translate aspiration into action in service of society; and an improvement in our distinction, market position, and financial sustainability.

This work will not be easy—what's important rarely is. But it is now our turn to meet our responsibilities as stewards of this venerable institution and to reach yet further toward our highest aspirations. I would encourage you to visit our strategic planning website ([gettysburg.edu/plan](http://gettysburg.edu/plan)) and to contribute your voice and perspective to this important process. We want to hear from you!

Together, as Gettysburgians, let us commit to Living Our Promise to the fullest and join together in designing this College's brightest future.

Sincerely,



Bob Julian  
President

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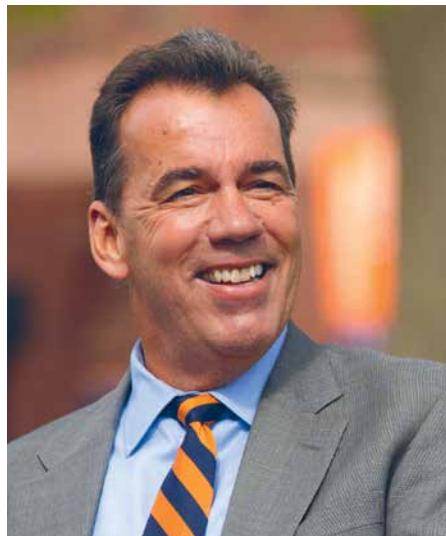
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**David Brennan '75, P'00**



**Daria Lo Presti Wallach '76**

## ALUMNI GIFTS ELEVATE TWO OF GETTYSBURG'S STRONGEST MAJORS

by **Mike Baker**

**D**avid Brennan '75, P'00, chair of the Board of Trustees, delivered a resounding endorsement of Gettysburg's new Business, Organizations, and Management major this past fall by committing \$3.5 million to fund a matching challenge to raise an additional \$3.5 million to endow the innovative academic offering.

"I attribute the success I had in my career to my Gettysburg education," said Brennan, retired CEO of AstraZeneca. "It is my hope—in fact, my obligation—to do all that I can to ensure that future generations of Gettysburgians are as prepared as I was to serve as business leaders and engaged citizens in our complex and fast-changing world. I know there are others like me who owe a debt of gratitude to Gettysburg College, and I urge them to join me in supporting this essential and impactful program."

Brennan's gift was followed by the generous establishment of a \$1.5 million endowment to create The Daria L. & Eric J. Wallach Professorship of Peace and Justice Studies. **Daria Lo Presti Wallach '76**, a distinguished alumna and member of the President's Advisory Circle, is a longtime champion of the liberal arts. She believes Peace and Justice Studies has enduring value and will become ever more vital to society in the future.

"I applaud the College's visionary commitment to Peace and Justice Studies and am pleased to contribute to advancing the important work of preparing students for lives of meaning and consequence," said Wallach.

*Want to show your own support?  
Learn about our Brennan Challenge at [gettysburg.edu/brennan](http://gettysburg.edu/brennan).*

# LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

**W**hile the tradition of the Stoles of Gratitude began after the Class of 2001, the presentation of Lucas Gaylor's stole to **Prof. Junjie Luo** reminded me of my own experience in my junior year.

Along with one other student, I was enrolled in an advanced organic chemistry course. When the other student dropped out shortly into the semester, I thought that the class would be canceled. But **Prof. Don Jameson** was more than willing to continue one-on-one instruction with me. His enthusiasm and dedication to my own learning reinforced the commitment of the faculty at Gettysburg College.

In fact, the chemistry department was filled with challenging, dedicated, and personable instructors in the late '90s. In particular, **Prof. Bill Parker** was always a calming, steady hand in guiding his students through the introductory chemistry courses and labs. And I'd be remiss in not mentioning my academic advisor, the late **Prof. Alex Rowland**, who always had a moment to listen, to answer a question, or to talk about his favorite professional baseball player, Willie Mays. I would award my stole to all three of these gentlemen and the chemistry department in its entirety.

I am sure that you will receive many letters of gratitude because that's just the character and quality of the people at Gettysburg College.

Bryan R. Meyer '01

## WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU!

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



**J**ust finished reading the excellent piece on the Stoles of Gratitude. What a wonderful tradition. The idea had not yet been hatched when I graduated in 1971. Had it been, my stole would have been presented to History **Prof. Bruce Bugbee**.

Bugbee's influence on my life extended well beyond his role of advisor and academic mentor while I was a history major at Gettysburg. More significantly, he was instrumental in assisting me in joining the Naval Reserve after graduation. My low number in the draft lottery of 1969 ensured a high probability that I would be drafted after graduating. As a commander in the Naval Reserve, he guided me through the application process, helped get me a training school commitment to serve as a cook, and swore me into the U.S. Navy in May 1971 at the Navy Reserve station in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania.

My Navy experience translated into a long career in food service management with the Marriott Corporation. I've taken the opportunity to visit Bugbee's grave in the Gettysburg National Cemetery to thank him for being so much more than just a great teacher.

Richard Uhl '71

# SOCIAL MEDIA

ALTHOUGH CLASS OF 2020'S IN-PERSON COMMENCEMENT WAS POSTPONED, GETTYSBURG COLLEGE HELD A SENIOR CELEBRATION TO HONOR THE GRADUATING CLASS VIRTUALLY ON THIS SPECIAL DAY. HUNDREDS OF STUDENTS, PARENTS, FACULTY, STAFF, AND ALUMNI TUNED IN TO THE LIVE PREMIERE AND RALLIED AROUND THE CLASS OF 2020 IN THE COMMENTS.

"Congratulations graduates! Remembering my graduation in 1973 from Gettysburg. The world is yours, go make it better for all of us. Best Wishes!"

 **Sheryl Stokes Perzel '73**

"Thank you for making this day so very special! Beautiful music, speeches, and tributes. We are very proud to be a Bullets Family member! God bless all of the Class of 2020, faculty, and staff..."

 **Linda Bellizia Hagen P'20**

"Congratulations Class of 2020! You will always be in our hearts! ❤"

 **Darien Davenport, Assistant Secretary to the Board of Trustees and Assistant Vice President of College Life**

"Congratulations to the Class of 2020! YOU are the ones that will lead us to a better place! Thank you for what you have done already...and for what you are about to do!"

 **Keith Gotti '92**

"Even though you're not getting to end your senior year the way you are supposed to, sadly, don't forget that this is ALWAYS your College, so come back often over the ensuing years and decades and make up for what you may have missed, while creating new memories. You're a student for just four years, but an alumna/us for life!"

 **Joe Lynch '85, Executive Director of Alumni Relations**

"What a historic year, so appropriate for Gettysburgians! You are living and making history. Your memories of this year, unique among those of other classes, will be sought out by others for years to come. Hold on to these moments. Preserve them. You have the love, support, and pride of the whole Gettysburg community, and the eyes of the world will ever be on you."

 **Linda Sullivan Shea P'21**

"Love and congratulations to the Class of 2020! The mentoring relationships you've built with your professors don't end today: we are here for you and we will always be thrilled to hear from you. We are all so proud of you."

 **Jocelyn Swigger, Prof. of Music and Coordinator of Keyboard Studies for the Sunderman Conservatory of Music**

"2020 = Perfect Vision...a beautiful tribute Gettysburg College!



 **Leslie Sanderson Sacks '84**

"The world needs you all more than ever. You are well prepared; go forth and change the world! Congrats Class of 2020!"

 **Hakim Mohandas Amani Williams, Prof. of Africana Studies, Education, Globalization Studies, and Public Policy, and Director of Peace and Justice Studies**

"Keep on shining bright Class of 2020!! This world needs you— congratulations on your graduation and on all your hard work!"

 **Ashley Marciszyn '03**

**Watch the Senior Celebration video and read our recap of this special virtual event for the Class of 2020 online.**

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# IN THE MEDIA

## 'THE EPIDEMICS AMERICA GOT WRONG'

Gilder Lehrman National Endowment for the Humanities Professor of Civil War Era Studies **Prof. Jim Downs** authored an article for *The Atlantic* in which he explored how government inaction or delay has shaped the course of many epidemics in our country, from smallpox to HIV and, most recently, COVID-19.

**POLITICAL SCIENCE PROF. SCOTT BODDERY WROTE AN OP-ED FOR POLITICO TITLED "THE ONE CHANGE JOHN ROBERTS CAN MAKE TO DEPOLITICIZE THE SUPREME COURT."** IN THIS PIECE, BODDERY ANALYZED RECENT EVENTS OF POLITICIZING IN THE COURT, CONCLUDING THAT IF THE CHIEF JUSTICE IS SERIOUS ABOUT PROTECTING HIS FELLOW JURISTS FROM FUTURE POLITICAL ATTACKS, HE MUST DO MORE THAN ISSUE STERN STATEMENTS OF DISAPPROVAL. HE SHOULD MAKE ANONYMOUS OPINIONS THE NORM.

## 'THE 19<sup>TH</sup> AMENDMENT DIDN'T GIVE WOMEN THE RIGHT TO VOTE'

**Prof. Stephanie A. Sellers**, a Native American Studies Scholar who teaches English, women, gender, and sexualities studies, and interdisciplinary studies, was quoted in a *VOX* article that argues the 19<sup>th</sup> Amendment, which is often heralded as the turning point for women's voting rights in America, missed the mark among Black, Latina, Indigenous, and Asian American women as they continued to fight for their rights for decades.

**Catrina North '06**, director of Sweet Farm, an animal sanctuary and sustainable plant farm dedicated to empowering people to make a better world for farm animals, was quoted in a *Chronicle-Express* news article on Sweet Farm's new "Goat-2-Meeting" service. To compensate for revenues lost during the pandemic, the idea of calling animals into Zoom meetings for a fee arose

### History and Africana Studies

**Prof. Scott Hancock** was featured in coverage of the recent Confederate monument debate—should they stay or should they go?—by various national news platforms, including CNN, Fox News, *PennLive*, and on NPR member WITF's *Smart Talk*, in which he urged for a more complete and contextualized telling of history.

"The no-destination trip sprang us from virus confinement and added 26 counties to my total, bringing it to 1,897, a tad more than 60 percent of U.S. counties."

Trustee Emeritus **Robert D. Hershey Jr. '61**

wrote an opinion piece for *The Wall Street Journal* about how COVID-19 has changed the landscape of travel. He reflected on his own pandemic-inspired excursion with his son, which he described as "a self-contained wandering independent of any tangible goal," but it didn't stop him from getting out and exploring the world.

*While Amazon had its faltering moments, like most companies have, as it navigated the COVID-19 pandemic, Sean Higgins '94 wrote in a Wall Street Journal op-ed, "Amazon is trying something that no company has attempted before: supplying the essential needs of 325 million Americans largely confined to their homes during a pandemic, while keeping its own workforce of more than 500,000 people safe."*

and captured national attention. The new service was featured in segments by CNN and *The Daily Show*.



# NEWS



## EBONY EXCLUSIVE

EBONY magazine named Gettysburg College Trustee **Troy Datcher '90** to its 2020 Power 100 list.

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Newbery Medalist **Jerry Spinelli '63** saw his *New York Times* best-selling novel *Stargirl* become a feature film of the same name, which debuted on Disney+ in March 2020.

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The National Association for Campus Activities (NACA) handed Burgburst its 2020 Outstanding Diversity Achievement Award for a campus program.

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## REMEMBERING KOBE

When basketball legend Kobe Bryant and his daughter, Gianna, perished alongside friends and family in a devastating helicopter crash on Jan. 26, 2020, the world remembered his impact, as did Gettysburg College athletics. In 2008, Bryant took time after a Lakers game to meet with the Bullets men's basketball team during a team trip to California. The Gettysburg College community will be forever grateful for, and will continue to treasure, this special moment.

## PUBLICATIONS

## FROM BOOK TO MOVIE



*Image courtesy of Jerry Spinelli '63*

Newbery Medalist *Jerry Spinelli '63* saw his *New York Times* best-selling novel, *Stargirl*, become a feature film of the same name, debuting March 13, 2020, on Disney+.

The movie was directed by Julia Hart and starred Grace VanderWaal, who, at age 12, won NBC's *America's Got Talent* in September 2016. The musical romantic drama centers around a high school boy who becomes intrigued by a quirky student named Stargirl.

Spinelli, who graduated from Gettysburg College in 1963 and received an honorary degree from the College in 2005, was also the 184th Commencement ceremony speaker in 2019. In his address, he focused on learning how to fail—and learning how to do it well—in order to discover resilience and appreciate unexpected journeys.

## ALUMNI

## CENTERLINK CEO

In May 2020, *Denise Spivak '88* was appointed the chief executive officer of CenterLink, a member-based coalition founded in 1994 to support the development of vibrant and viable LGBT community centers. Over the last 30 years, her career has refined her C-level expertise in talent acquisition, organizational management, and broadcast communications.

"Denise has been an integral part of what makes CenterLink so special," said Stacie Walls, CenterLink co-chair of the board of directors. "We are thrilled to have Denise at the helm of this agency while we move through our new strategic plan and into the future of developing strong LGBT centers and leaders."



## FACULTY

## ACCOMPLISHED CONDUCTOR

In June 2020, Sunderman Conservatory of Music *Prof. and Director of Bands Russell McCutcheon* earned second place in the American Prize National Nonprofit Competitions in the Performing Arts for the 2019-2020 Conductors-Musical theater division. He was selected as a semifinalist in January 2020 for his conducting of *The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee*, which was performed by Gettysburg College students in the fall of 2018.

## ATHLETICS

## HALL OF ATHLETIC HONOR

In the fall of 2020, five former student-athletes and a longtime head coach were inducted into the Hall of Athletic Honor—former swimming coach *Mike Rawleigh, Judy Langan '85* (softball), *Bob Lewis '86* (football), *Tommy Pearce '01* (men's lacrosse), *Jessica Seedorf '01* (women's lacrosse), and *Missy West '01* (women's swimming). Together with their respective teams, the new inductees account for 53 conference championships and 28 national playoff appearances.

**ALUMNI**

## NETWORK TO NETFLIX

When **Geno McDermott '08** was ready to pursue a career in film, he reached out to College connections within the Gettysburg Network. He ultimately found his first production internship on Craigslist, which then led to a full-time position with Red Line Films.

In 2014, McDermott launched his own production company, Blackfin, and just six years later, his three-part docuseries *Killer Inside: The Mind of Aaron Hernandez* hit Netflix. As director of the wildly popular series, McDermott wove together

a nuanced account of Hernandez's abusive childhood, inner struggle with sexuality, ongoing conflict with his mother, and chronic traumatic encephalopathy (CTE) resulting from a history of repeated head injuries endured on the football field.

McDermott credits his liberal arts experience with teaching him how to think critically as a director of complex storytelling.

**ALUMNI**

## 40 UNDER 40

**Meghan Smith '02**, an attorney with Kahan Kerensky Capossela who majored in management at Gettysburg College, was named a recipient of the 2020 "40 Under 40" award from the *Hartford Business Journal*.

"I'm very proud to be among the recipients of such a prominent award," Smith said. "This has always been a dream of mine, and I am honored to be considered by the *Hartford Business Journal* as a successful businesswoman and community leader."

Smith also volunteers with the Connecticut Veterans Legal Center and sits on the board of directors for the New England Veterans Chamber of Commerce.

**ALUMNI**

## SIGNS OF CHANGE

Hoping to shift the narrative that surrounds the Battle of Gettysburg from one of division to one of unity, honorary alumnus **Karl Mattson** made and distributed more than 100 lawn signs in the Gettysburg community this summer. The signs advocated for the Black Lives Matter movement and read: "This battle was fought because Black Lives Matter." In a *PennLive* article, Mattson, who is a retired Gettysburg College chaplain and founder of the College's Center for Public Service, spoke to this alternative narrative. "My feeling is that this is the nation's most sacred place, and it should be a celebration of emancipation and freedom," he said.

**ON CAMPUS**

## GOLD FOR GREEN

In 2020, Gettysburg College earned Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) Gold Certification for the construction of the Janet Morgan Riggs (JMR) Student Center, a 26,000-square-foot addition to the College Union Building (CUB) that was completed in 2018. The John F. Jaeger Center for Athletics, Recreation, and Fitness was the first building on campus to receive LEED Gold Certification in 2009.

"When LEED reviews projects for certification, they consider everything in the design, from the plumbing fixtures you specify to the sustainable design of building materials and the efficiency of the mechanical systems," said Executive Director of Facilities Planning and Management **Jim Biesecker**. "We strategically chose the materials that the building was constructed with. We try to look at all of our new construction projects this way."

**ON CAMPUS**

## GLC TURNS TEN

In December, the Garthwait Leadership Center (GLC) celebrated its 10th anniversary through a virtual event for active members of the GLC community. Endowed by **Bob Garthwait Jr. '82**, the GLC has proven to be a powerful experiential education organization that pushes students to recognize their own potential and to enrich personal, group, and outdoor leadership skills.

**Andy Hughes**, founding director, reflects on the exponential growth of the program over the past decade: "The best leaders are the best learners," he said. "At the GLC, we hope students leave with the self-awareness, confidence, and desire to take the knowledge and skills they've learned through this program and apply it to their everyday lives after graduation. They are certainly capable."

## FACULTY

## LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT

The Phycological Society of America (PSA) recognized **Dr. Craig Schneider '70** with its highest honor in July 2020—the PSA Award of Excellence—for his lifetime of research, mentoring, and service. This award honors scientists for a record of sustained scholarly activity, including teaching and service, who have had a major impact on the field of phycology. Schneider, who majored in biology at Gettysburg College and received his PhD in botany from Duke University in 1975, is currently the Charles A. Dana Professor of Biology at Trinity College.

## ON CAMPUS

## STEPPING FORWARD

As music educators across the nation and around the world transitioned to remote teaching last year, our music education students stepped forward. Under the guidance of Sunderman Conservatory of Music **Prof. Brent Talbot**, they created and launched the Finding Music Resources website, specifically designed to aid teachers adapting to the digital space.

Conservatory students **Ben Fruchtl '20** and **Brooke Maskin '20** spearheaded the effort with support from **Logan Shippee '22** and **Rose Martus '19**. The website offers a collection of free online music resources, which saves educators valuable time and energy.



## ON CAMPUS

## CELEBRATING DIVERSITY

Launched in 2014, Burgburst, an annual, student-led cultural event at Gettysburg College, won the National Association for Campus Activities' (NACA) 2020 Outstanding Diversity Achievement Award for a campus program. Featuring food and performances from around the world, the event brings students, faculty, and community members of all races, cultures, and interests together to celebrate diversity.

"In addition to the event itself, Burgburst fosters genuine intercultural friendships by allowing students of diverse backgrounds to work together," Director of International Student Services **Brad Lancaster** said. "In my opinion, this is Burgburst's greatest strength. These friendships continue to benefit our students and campus culture well after the event is over."



## ON CAMPUS

## IMMEDIATE INNOVATION

The Innovation and Creativity Lab named **Josh Wagner** its new manager in January 2020. As the COVID-19 pandemic unfolded, his immediate response was to help protect the health and safety of our frontline workers. The Innovation and Creativity Lab dedicated its 3D printers to creating face shields and tension relief bands for health care workers and first responders in Pennsylvania.

Since the pandemic started, the lab has produced and donated more than 2,000 face shields for various organizations and members of campus, including WellSpan, Adams County Emergency Services, the Dine Nation tribe, local poll workers for primary elections, the Gettysburg Area School District, and Gettysburg College health services, biology, and chemistry departments, as well as many other faculty, students, and staff on campus.

## PUBLICATIONS

### AWARD-WINNING COLLABORATION

English *Prof. Chris Fee* and student contributors were honored in June 2020 by the *Library Journal* as their book, *Conspiracies and Conspiracy Theories in American History*, was named one of 2019's top-referenced publications. Interpretative essays and factual accounts regarding unsupported theories around topics from the stock market crash of 1929 to the mafia and Illuminati highlight how current conspiracy thinking has developed over generations.

## FACULTY

### EXCELLENCE IN ASTRONOMY

In February 2020, the American Astronomical Society (AAS) elected Physics *Prof. Emeritus Laurence Marschall* as a member of the inaugural Class of Legacy AAS Fellows. The AAS, a leading astronomy organization in North America, recognizes fellows for their contributions to astronomy in service, research and publication, and education.

Marschall taught courses in astronomy and physics in the physics department at Gettysburg College for 43 years before retiring in 2014.

"Larry epitomizes the teacher-scholar and the type of work we do in the Gettysburg College physics department—innovative science supported by a strong backbone of liberal arts education," said Physics *Prof. Bret Crawford*, who now chairs the department.



## FACULTY

### HISTORIAN HIRED

On Aug. 1, 2020, historian *Jim Downs* was appointed to the Gilder Lehrman National Endowment for the Humanities Professorship of Civil War Era Studies. He is the author of *Sick From Freedom: African-American Illness and Suffering During the Civil War and Reconstruction*, which examines the unexpected medical consequences of emancipation, and a coeditor of *Beyond Freedom: Disrupting the History of Emancipation*. His other works include *Stand by Me: The Forgotten History of Gay Liberation*, a history of gay life in the 1970s, and *Connexions: Histories of Race and Sex in North America*.



The recent merger of the Civil War Institute and the Civil War Era Studies program, coupled with the addition of Downs to the faculty, has positioned Gettysburg College as one of the leading centers of public interpretation, student internship and fellowship programs, digital scholarship, teaching, and academic research on the Civil War era and its continued resonance in contemporary American society.

## ALUMNI

### INSPIRING BLACK EXCELLENCE

Gettysburg College Trustee *Troy Datcher '90* was named to the 2020 *EBONY* Power 100, an honor that recognizes influential change agents, thought leaders, and titans of industry, including artists, business leaders, activists, and philanthropists.

Datcher currently serves as the chief customer officer at the Clorox Company and as a member of The Clorox Foundation Board. *EBONY* also cited Datcher's work on the board of the East Oakland Youth Development Center as a contributing factor to his selection for the award. Datcher, a former political science major, is also a member of Gettysburg College's Board of Trustees, where he chairs the diversity and inclusion subcommittee.



**HEAR DATCHER SPEAK WITH PRESIDENT BOB IULIANO IN EPISODE 9 OF OUR CONVERSATIONS BENEATH THE CUPOLA PODCAST ABOUT HOW A LIBERAL ARTS EDUCATION PROVIDED HIM WITH A PURPOSEFUL FOUNDATION FOR A SUCCESSFUL CAREER.**

# ON THE TOPIC OF RESILIENCE

WHEN FACING DIFFICULT CIRCUMSTANCES, HOW DO WE DIG DEEP,  
AND WHAT DO WE FIND WHEN WE DO?



**Tikvah Nadia Womack '07**

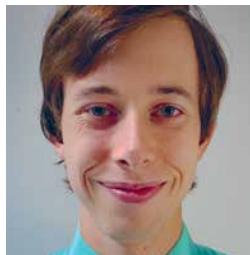
*Licensed Clinical Professional Counselor  
and Expressive Arts Therapist*

Resilience is an interesting concept. It is the one outcome that, as therapists, we all strive for our clients to have in the face of their challenges, whatever they may be. But how exactly does one acquire resilience? Is it nature or nurture? How can one person experience a traumatic event and thrive, and another person experience the same event and crumble?

One of my favorite quotes is from Ernest Hemingway: “The world breaks everyone and afterward many are strong at the broken places.” During times like this, when it is evident that the “world” is surely challenging us all, some will arrive as close to intact as possible on the other side of this, while others will be piecing things together long after.

So, how do we arrive at this place called “resilience”? I believe the key is in the simple act of showing up. If the world breaks us all and we still wake up the next day to greet that same world that broke us—to me, that is a form of resilience. When everything is so personal, and so uncertain, and we still show up, that is the awe of humanity—keep showing up.

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**Ben Fruchtl '20**

*Elementary General and  
Instrumental Music Teacher*

Oftentimes, our character is displayed out in the open during moments of adversity. An ordinarily amiable person may lash out in anger when confronted with prolonged challenges, or someone who appears well put together may fall apart when a plan fails spectacularly. I have found that resilience is not the ability to force your way through adversity, but rather, it is the ability to maintain the best parts of yourself through the adversity.

After graduating and teaching for the first time, I tried to maintain a compassion for my students and to express kindness and empathy in a difficult time. But true resilience lies not only in maintaining my own character, but in helping others to foster theirs, as well.

In recognizing that many others have experienced far worse than I could ever possibly understand, whether it be poverty, persecution, or loss, I try to take on the role of supporting and helping others to be resilient, as well—whether through teaching, resource building, or just a phone call. My hope is for all of us to use our own gifts and talents to help each other be resilient, together.



**Nathalie Goubet**

*Professor of Psychology*

I teach a seminar entitled Coping with Adversity: Resilience in Childhood.

Resilience is defined as the capacity to bounce back from difficult circumstances. Research tells us that resilience is not simply “pulling yourself up by your bootstraps.” Showing resilience in the face of adversity is a process, not a set of personality characteristics. It develops from a constellation of psychological and environmental protective resources. Strong predictors of resilience include growing up with a loving and reliable caregiver, having access to physical resources, and enjoying rich social support from family and friends.

However, research shows that, even when resilient, we carry trauma with us in our minds and bodies, making mutual caring and the construction of those stable support systems all the more critical.

The last few months have shown us multiple examples of resilience, what researcher Ann Masten calls “ordinary magic,” as we all have been forced to weather this traumatic disruption in our lives. Resilience is not a unique quality possessed by a few sturdy heroes. Rather, we are all capable of this “ordinary magic.”



**Gretchen Carlson Natter**

*Executive Director of the Center for Public Service; Assistant Dean of College Life*

When I think of resilience, I think of my grandparents' farm with the change of each season: the old tractor and tiller preparing for acres of crops in spring; adventuring through tall reeds by the pond in summer; hundreds of pumpkins for sale piled on the front porch in fall; and sledding with cousins at dizzying speeds down steep hills in winter. Each season brought a new challenge and a new joy, made rich by the dozens of relatives who shared in the work and rhythms of the farm.

This was my first experience of a resilient community—a thriving group of people who intentionally provided care to one another while adapting to the cycle of seasons, changing times, and shifting expectations. Each of us actively contributed, and our continued learning and skill development were made possible by the mutual support we received. This has shaped my understanding of resilience—the power of participating in a community that actively invests in me and others, fostering a strong sense of community faith in me and my faith in the community.



**Josef Brandauer**

*Director of the Johnson Center for Creative Teaching and Learning; Professor of Health Sciences*

Anybody who studies how living organisms persist and thrive through change is fascinated by the concept of resilience. As a physiologist, this is my main area of research. In fact, resilience is the main reason I became a scientist; as an undergraduate, I was fascinated by how the body responds to, and even requires, stress.

In humans, regular disruption of the status quo allows for growth and change; it's how physical activity strengthens our bones, builds muscle mass, and preserves the health of our brains and hearts as we go through life. But for this growth to occur, a period of rest and calm following the disruption is essential. It is this full cycle that allows

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*Josef Brandauer*

for growth and adaptation. This is where our faith in resilience can become dangerous; enduring excessive, permanent stress, without rest, is not healthy.

So, is it important to be resilient? Yes, absolutely. But there can be deep inequities in how stress and disruption are distributed. As a professor and the director of the Johnson Center for Creative Teaching and Learning, I see my role as creating learning environments where we can all find the right balance between challenges and recovery—learning environments that allow participants to be resilient by removing obstacles standing in the way of their growth and success.

"THE WORLD BREAKS EVERYONE AND AFTERWARD MANY ARE STRONG AT THE BROKEN PLACES."

*Ernest Hemingway*

# CONNECTIONS

## INTRODUCING OUR LOYALTY CIRCLE TRI-CHAIRS

*Serving a two-year term, the Loyalty Circle Tri-Chairs are charged with bringing visibility to, and supporting the mission of, the Loyalty Circle recognition society, which celebrates and recognizes alumni, parents, and friends who regularly support the College. Donors are welcomed into the Loyalty Circle following their third consecutive year of giving (current parents are welcomed after their first philanthropic gift to the College). Consistent yearly donors to the Gettysburg Fund, themselves, the Tri-Chairs underscore the importance and significance of giving, explaining how giving back—both financially and in their newly appointed volunteer roles—is an expression of their gratitude for the impact their Gettysburg education has had on each of their lives.*

### **SHERRIN HILBURT BAKY-NESSLER '65, P'01**

"Gettysburg College gave me the knowledge and insight to pursue a rewarding career in the medical field and the tools to achieve enough success to be able to give something back. I have always been grateful for this experience and wanted to continually and routinely support the College's learning environment to enable current students to realize their goals as well. Such support should be considered a never-ending responsibility for all alumni to ensure Gettysburg College is in the forefront of the best liberal arts colleges in the nation."

### **FERGAN E. IMBERT '16**

"Having an impact is important to me, and when I give to Gettysburg, I know that I am making a difference. There is strength in numbers, and by giving back each year, I am part of a collective group of alumni who share my belief in the transformative power of a Gettysburg education. My Gettysburg education would not have been possible without the generosity of our alumni community, so giving back each year is my way of ensuring that today's students have the same positive and life-shaping experiences that I had."

### **W. KENT BARNDS '92**

"My Gettysburg College experience is central to forming who I am today and what I do for others. The liberal arts education I received helped to broaden my perspectives and instilled in me a greater appreciation for others. At Gettysburg, I gained an understanding of nuance while learning how to process information for myself. The faculty and curriculum helped me to develop the communication skills needed to stand out and the courage to step forward to help solve problems. Giving back to Gettysburg each year is my sincere expression of gratitude."



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*Photo by Stephen Brown '17*

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*the talk*

*by Molly Foster*

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**Backstage at Battlefield Brew Works  
& Spirits of Gettysburg Distillery,  
Darrylina of the House of Joneses'  
glam entourage was working its magic,  
transforming her into the Southern belle  
she never knew she wanted to be.**

A blonde wig with tightly tied ringlets was placed on her head like a crown. Her cheeks and lips were kissed with a matching red tint, and her eyelashes grew an inch with the help of extensions. Hugging her curves—all credit due to a breath-stifling corset—was a buttery, custom-made gown that melted from her hips to the ground.

**Darryl Jones**, the Senior Associate Director of Admissions and Coordinator for Multicultural Admission at Gettysburg College, admits he never really gave dressing in drag much thought. But that was before he was recommended by the co-organizers of Gettysburg Pride—Corey Williams, Karl Held, and Chad-Alan Carr—to be a straight ally in HBO's debut episode of "We're Here," a six-episode, real-life series aimed at elevating LGBTQ voices in small-town America.

"I asked some gay friends of mine in town about who they all felt was a strong straight ally and they all said, 'Absolutely Darryl Jones,'" Carr said. "I connected Darryl with the casting director for HBO, and the rest is history."

Early on in filming, Jones said the producers asked him what he thought about drag, and, not knowing enough to shape an opinion on the spot, he replied with curiosity, "Well, what is it?" After a brief primer on the basics—everything from hair and makeup to costume and choreography—Jones responded, "If that's what people want to do, I still embrace them. They're still human."

To Jones, being inclusive is more than just sharing a string of accepting words; it's about living out those words. "Being inclusive means that you actively embrace. It's not about saying, 'Well, I tolerate you. I accept you. I'm OK with you existing.' It is fully embracing who people are," he said. "If I don't outwardly embrace and vocally defend people who are different from me, then how can I ask others to do that for me, a Black man?"

When the producers later asked him whether or not he'd be willing to embrace the experience of dressing in drag himself, Jones breathed life into his drag queen alter ego: Darrylina of the House of Joneses—a spoof on a nickname given to him by former Admissions employee, **Valerie Schwartz '03**. "I'll do it," he said, acting on his lifelong belief in the value of walking in the shoes of others—even if it was just for a short while (he's since realized that his size 12 feet were not made for stilettos).



## WE'RE HERE

When Jones received a phone call from an unrecognized number in June 2019, he assumed it was a spam caller, and he let it ring through to voicemail. Little did he know, it was HBO on the other end. At the time, he was spending the warm, summer months with family in Evanston, Illinois, but a few days later, he was on a flight back to Gettysburg with nothing more than his suitcase and a dubious description from producers, who intended to keep the filming strictly confidential.

"I knew absolutely nothing," Jones said. "I was just told they were filming a program with a social justice theme. They said they'd arrange a flight for me, and a car would be waiting." Nonetheless, he showed up.

Wearing a Poor People's Campaign T-shirt that read, in large, block letters, "Fight poverty NOT the poor," Jones walked through town and around Lincoln Square to the Blue and Gray Bar and Grill on the corner of Baltimore Street, as he—a Gettysburg native—had done many times before. But this time, cameras followed him. Inside, the restaurant buzzed with conversation between locals and out-of-towners exploring the rich Civil War history found on every corner here. Among the patchwork of people was reality television personality and Black activist Caldwell Tidice, better known as Bob the Drag Queen.

"Bob was just in regular gear—no drag. So, I just thought, OK, well here's this African American, tall dude who I've been told by the producers is 'the talent' and we're ordering lunch," Jones said. "I had no idea who he was at the time."

As they exchanged small talk and perused the menu, Jones decided on a Confederate Burger. Bob ordered one, too. At most restaurants, when you think about picking a side, you're often left to debate how you want

your potatoes, but at the Blue and Gray, picking a "side" has a twofold meaning—not only do you have to choose from among chips, french fries, or sweet potato fries with your burger, but you also have to choose Union or Confederate.

Each Battlefield Burger is named after a Civil War general—Gens. George Meade, Winfield Scott Hancock, James Longstreet, and Robert E. Lee being among the options—and comes skewered with either an American flag or a Confederate flag. It wasn't a politically motivated decision for him, Jones said. The burger just sounded the most appetizing.

"This is footage that didn't make it into the episode, but when my server brought me my burger, she didn't bring the flag, and I said to her, 'Oh, no, I want you to bring the Confederate flag that I know you put in these burgers, and I want people to see you giving that to me, because that's what you do, isn't it?' There was a little embarrassment on her part, but I told her, 'Look, if we're going to be served this thing that you are making money from, don't treat me differently.'"

These conversations about Jones' experience as a Black man in Gettysburg, like the one they shared at the Blue and Gray, continued after he and Bob left the restaurant. While many of the conversations about race didn't air with the episode due to episode time constraints, for Jones, they were just as



**OPPOSITE PAGE** *Bob the Drag Queen and Darryl Jones, dressed up as Darrylynne of the House of Joneses, perform their Civil War-themed routine at the drag show.*

**ABOVE** *Jones and Bob the Drag Queen meet for lunch at the Blue and Gray Bar and Grill in downtown Gettysburg.*

significant as those that made it into the show—shining light on the experiences of another marginalized community—and in them, Jones felt heard.

They spent the remainder of the day walking around the back end of Pickett's Charge on the battlefield and talking with a Robert E. Lee living historian. "We asked him: 'So, what do you think about the Confederate flag?' And he said, 'As Robert E. Lee, I tell you there is one flag, and that is the American flag. The Confederacy lived in a moment in time. It is done. Let's move on and unify the nation.'"

## G

### GETTYSBURG, PA

It was here that bullets rained down as the Union and Confederate armies clashed during the decisive Battle of Gettysburg in 1863. Months later, it was here that **David Wills** Class of 1851 invited President Abraham Lincoln to deliver "a few appropriate remarks" at Soldiers' National Cemetery, and townspeople, students, and faculty listened, wide-eyed, as he delivered his immortal Gettysburg Address. It was here that President Dwight D. Eisenhower—a captain at the time—took command of Camp Colt during World War I, later returning to call Gettysburg home post-presidency.

Considering the breadth of this rich historical context, Jones said it's not surprising that HBO chose Gettysburg as the location for its debut episode of "We're Here." Throughout history, Gettysburg was a place of great significance to abolitionists, soldiers, and presidents. And today, it remains as such to locals, the million or so tourists who visit each year, and passionate, talented students who are looking for a place—a college—that inspires them.



"If people really broke down what the Gettysburg Address is, if people really broke down the land on which the College was founded and who founded it, and if people looked at President Eisenhower's history—a man who believed enough in integrating schools to actually make it happen by giving armed National Guard escorts to people who were doing it—then we'd have a chance to market ourselves as not being new to social justice, but having it be a part of

our DNA and entire existence," Jones said. "It's not to wipe clean any ills, but that's a pretty powerful statement we can make that a lot of other [colleges] can't."

Woven into the 189-year-old fabric of Gettysburg College is a community of changemakers who recognize that diversity, equity, and inclusion are abiding battles—battles that made strides during the Civil War but didn't end in 1865. In pursuit of a better, more just and unified world, they must be fought every day.

"When I joined the Admissions team at the College in 1985, I think we had around 10 students of color in the entering class. And this year, [in the Class of 2024], there is 24 percent domestic diversity," Jones said. "We've certainly had the good fortune of having great leaders over the last several years—people pushing for change instead of just talking about it. But our goal is not to intentionally diversify for the sake of doing it. It's to get our campus to look like the rest of the



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**ABOVE, LEFT**  
Dressed as a Southern belle, Darrylina of the House of Joneses' (Jones in drag) dances onstage to En Vogue's "Free Your Mind."

**ABOVE, RIGHT**  
Jones and Bob the Drag Queen rehearse for the drag show.

United States in terms of ethnicity. And we're not there yet."

A more unified and just world starts here, and elsewhere, in the minds and hearts

of those, like Jones, who see strength in difference. There is urgency in this work, and by actively seeking and listening to the voices of underrepresented populations, reflecting on the highs and lows of history, and evolving, we are on the move.

"We have work to do as a community, and more broadly, and Gettysburg College can be an institution that leads that work. We have a platform to do it, and it's time," Jones said. "Education can lead it, but mostly people who care can start the conversation and then move their feet to make a difference."

## LEAVING A LASTING MARK

Following the lead of Bob the Drag Queen, who strutted on stage in her shimmery soldier getup to the beat of En Vogue's 1992 hit "Free Your Mind," Darrylina split the silver tinsel curtain and was met with blinding lights and the roar of a packed house. All Jones could think about was making it through the performance—remembering to breathe and not stumbling over his own feet.

It wasn't until after the lights went dark, the crowd went home, and the costume came off that the experience took on a deeper meaning for him.

"Now I get it," he remembers saying to Bob on the last night of filming. "Bob chose this song—'Free Your Mind'—intentionally. *Free your mind and the rest will follow. Be colorblind. Don't be so shallow.* Meanwhile, at the time, I was just thinking Bob likes En Vogue. But something made it all come together for me that last night. In that moment, I turned to Bob and



thanked him, because what he created was truly brilliant—the Southern belle costume, the song, and the message. Not only was I taking a step out of

my comfort zone to be an active ally in the LGBTQ community, but all the while, Bob was trying to get others to see me, too—to *really* see me, and what it's like to live in my skin."

Available to stream across the country on HBO and HBO Max, the first season of "We're Here," and its unifying messages, have the power and platform to reach far beyond Gettysburg. Jones hopes that those who watch the debut and subsequent episodes take a look inward and challenge themselves to understand and embrace someone who is different from them—whether they're LGBTQ, Black, or identify as a member of another marginalized community.

"We all need to be listeners, and we need to put the 'unity' back in the word 'community,'" Jones said. "If we all joined together—both people of those backgrounds and the allies of people from those backgrounds—that's how you make the difference. That's where the power to create lasting change is."

Jones is humbled by his newfound coast-to-coast community that has watched "We're Here" and thanked him for being an ally. But he reminds those individuals, "I've always been an ally, and I always will be. The HBO show didn't make me that." He holds the same withstanding charge for others, too.

"It's great that more people are reading about anti-racism, [LGBTQ rights, and other social justice issues] and have the desire to educate themselves, but I'm interested to see how sustained people's efforts are after they read the last chapter and have the last discussion—or, after they watch the HBO show," Jones said. "What's next?" **G**

# COVID-19\*



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\* A Novel Virus.  
A Robust Response from Gettysburgians.

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*As the novel coronavirus evolved into a pandemic of unprecedented proportions, Gettysburgians sprang into action to make a difference when it mattered most.*

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*by Katelyn Silva*



# BROTHERS ON THE FRONT LINES

A man in his 50s arrives at Montefiore Medical Center in the Bronx at the beginning of New York City's COVID-19 crisis. He hasn't been sleeping. He's acting strangely. His family is worried.

**Ryan Flanagan '10** is a second-year psychiatry resident. He examines the man and confirms he's having a psychotic episode. But the man is also COVID-19 positive. It's early on in the pandemic outbreak, and little is known about the disease. This man, however, seems physically well. No fever. No respiratory distress.

"The easy answer is that the patient is having a manic bipolar episode and he should be medicated immediately," said Flanagan. "However, he'd never had mental health issues in the past and I'd been hearing about neurological and psychiatric effects as a result of COVID-19. I asked to take a pause before we made a diagnosis."

Flanagan got to work. "I learned to be unafraid to pursue answers that might not fit the accepted mold at Gettysburg," said Flanagan, who majored in psychology. After reading emerging research and thinking outside the box, he made a different diagnosis: COVID delirium encephalopathy, whereby COVID-19 alters brain function, usually temporarily.

Upon receiving treatment, Flanagan's patient recovered from COVID-19 and his encephalopathy improved. No more psychosis. No aggression. He could sleep again. By rethinking assumptions and challenging convention, Flanagan likely saved his patient from a lifetime of mood stabilizers and antipsychotic medications that can have serious side effects.

As the epidemic continued to rage in New York City, Flanagan's hospital became inundated with COVID-19 patients. Taxed, the Bronx hospital converted its lecture hall to patient treatment space, and Flanagan was redeployed to internal medicine.

"It had been 10 months since I'd done internal medicine," explained Flanagan, who was shocked by the level of COVID-19 need. "It was definitely a stressful and anxiety-inducing time, but my liberal arts education prepared me to ask for help and collaborate in order to get the best information possible and to serve people to the best of my ability."

Today, Flanagan is back in the psychiatry department treating outpatients and providing teletherapy to maintain distance until COVID-19 is eradicated.



Meanwhile, approximately 1½ hours west of New York City, **Aaron Fedor '10**, an emergency room resident in Pennsylvania and one of Flanagan's closest friends and a Lambda Chi Alpha fraternity brother, was also treating COVID-19 patients on the front lines. His first COVID-19 patient was from New York City.

"He was a younger gentleman with his only risk factor being obesity," explained Fedor, who was on rotation in the ICU when COVID-19 hit. "He presented with a headache and was incidentally found to be hypoxic... and within 48 to 72 hours, he was intubated and on a ventilator. Unfortunately, as more and more patients presented, this story became less unique."

In fact, Fedor had to intubate many patients, and had many difficult conversations with patients and their families. It wasn't easy.

"It was moments like these... that made me appreciate my Gettysburg education. My undergraduate experience provided me with the training to communicate simply and effectively and take into consideration language preferences, ... religion, and cultural sensitivities—all skills and knowledge I wouldn't have acquired without my liberal arts education."

In truth, Fedor likely would not have become a doctor at all if not for Gettysburg and the lifelong friends he made there. The former philosophy major and Spanish minor started his career in health care policy, but a conversation with Flanagan, who was heading to medical school at Georgetown University at the time, changed Fedor's trajectory.

"I knew I wanted to be involved in health care, but that conversation... made me realize how much I wanted to work with patients, and that it was possible for me to do that even though my background was not in the sciences," he explained. "My other close friend and fraternity brother from Gettysburg, Dr. **Jack Bostrom '11**, tutored me to prepare for medical school, while Dr. **Josh Siner '10** helped me navigate medical school to reach my goal of emergency medicine."

Fedor expressed gratitude for his network of Gettysburg friends and fellow doctors: "I was thankful to be able to compare notes and support one another during this unprecedented time. If not for Gettysburg, I wouldn't have been exposed to individuals as motivated as Ryan, Jack, and Josh."

## ANSWERING THE CALL

**Gino Alberto '79, P'06 was** enjoying semireirement in Florida when COVID-19 hit the United States. He immediately volunteered to help in the hard-hit Queens borough of New York City, mere miles from Ryan Flanagan in the Bronx. His 11 years teaching emergency medicine at Indiana University and decades of hands-on experience was a welcome addition to Elmhurst Hospital Center, often called by the media "the epicenter of the epicenter" of the American coronavirus outbreak.

"My brother said to me, 'This is our generation's World War II.' It was a no-brainer for me to serve," said Alberto, who remarked that Gettysburg instilled a sense of service in him.

Every day for weeks, Alberto donned his PPE for 10 to 12 hours a day and treated patients with varying severity, from those with minor illness to the critically sick who required airway support.

After decades in medicine, it was precisely this "variability" of COVID-19 that surprised him most. He explained, "We talk about older people being most at risk, and they are, but I saw people in their 40s who... deteriorated rapidly. While, personally, I have a friend in his 60s who had a fever for one day and then felt fine. It doesn't always make sense... so it definitely kept me on my toes."

As cases decreased at Elmhurst, Alberto moved to a 440-bed unit at the Billie Jean King National Tennis Center (the site of the U.S. Open), which had been converted for emergency overflow. When he was no longer needed in New York, Alberto returned home to his wife **Karen Erickson Alberto '79, P'06**, whom he met his first week at Gettysburg College when he threw an apple over a wall and it landed at her feet. Alberto's eldest daughter **Christine Alberto Tryba '06** is also a Gettysburg grad.

Reflecting on his experience, Alberto is quick to give credit to all of the "amazingly positive and brave mercenaries" serving patients in New York City, but also the Gettysburg College community who "came out in the hundreds to support." Friends of his daughter, long-lost acquaintances...everyone wanted to help with PPE, donations, or support. Alberto sees this response as humanity at its best and something that runs through the veins of Gettysburg College as an institution.

## FULL-TIME STUDENT AND COVID CARETAKER

While Gettysburg doctors were coming out of semireirement or leaving their specialties to help on the front lines, **Hannah Sheffer '20**, a biochemistry-molecular biology major, was juggling her senior year at Gettysburg with work as a nursing assistant on a medical surge floor at UPMC Hanover Hospital. When she first applied for the job at Hanover, COVID-19 was the furthest thing from her mind.

As the pandemic took hold, Sheffer remained committed to caring for her predominantly elderly patients without fear. She said, "Ultimately, I was serving patients as I always had, just with extra precautions." She worked 12-hour night shifts (6 p.m. to 6 a.m.) twice a week when she didn't have classes the next day until the afternoon. She'd use the hours in between to sleep.

"My experience as a nursing assistant solidified that I wanted to work in the medical field and have a positive impact on my community," said Sheffer, who grew up in nearby York and spent a semester abroad in India. "My Gettysburg education and my time abroad taught me how important it is to think about those around me and how my actions affect others. That message has never been more important than now."

Sheffer started nursing school at Salisbury University this fall and plans to work in fertility and reproductive technologies as a nurse practitioner.

## ALLOCATING ANTIBODIES

While some Gettysburgians were making split-second decisions to save lives on the front lines, others were behind the scenes building upon years of painstaking research to help save lives in the future.

"We wanted to do whatever we could to have the most impact in combating the virus, irrespective of the commercial benefit. In the early days that meant providing samples of our antibodies to those who could do the most with it on the testing and research front," said **Jim Fendrick '84, P'10, '19**.



Fendrick leads Rockland Immunochemicals, a global biotech company founded in 1962 by Fendrick's father. Also at the helm is COO **Richard Smith '83**, and Fendrick's daughter, **Ashley Cush '10**, who heads up communications.

At the onset of the pandemic, Rockland noticed that an antibody it developed during the SARS outbreak in 2003 was becoming popular with laboratories. Both coronaviruses, SARS and COVID-19 behave similarly, and rather than develop a new antibody for COVID testing, labs investigated whether Rockland's SARS version could be operationalized more quickly. Rockland was excited to help, donating the antibody to more than 30 labs in exchange for their research data.

Independent laboratories around the world confirmed that the Rockland antibody is highly effective in detecting COVID-19 and can be used in nasal, throat, and saliva tests. Rockland is currently in large-scale production of its antibody for use in rapid tests that can be manufactured and distributed widely.

"It means a great deal to us to be able to positively impact others and hopefully get the world out of this mess sooner rather than later," said Fendrick, who fondly recalled his time at Gettysburg as a foundational experience that helped him develop the skills to run an international business.

## USING RESEARCH TO DELIVER ON TESTING PROVIDERS

**Vince Venditto '03**, assistant professor at the University of Kentucky in the College of Pharmacy, typically researches immune responses to different diseases and therapeutics to modulate those responses. But when the pandemic struck, Venditto's lab switched gears to join the fight against COVID-19.



Research wasn't always top of mind for Venditto: at Gettysburg, he was on a pre-med track. "It was actually my summer research work through Gettysburg that showed me that research was where I was meant to be," explains Venditto. "Most summers, I was shadowing in an emergency room, but

in my senior year, I did research with a laboratory at the National Institutes of Health with... **Martin Brechbier '79**. That experience, and working with **Prof. Don Jameson** in chemistry during my senior year, proved life-changing."

Today, Venditto has zeroed in on an unmet need in eastern Kentucky: professionals who can do COVID-19 testing. "In Appalachia, there are few health care professionals.... In the context of COVID-19, that means residents have to travel a significant distance to get a COVID-19 test, which acts as a barrier to diagnosis, quarantine, and care," said Venditto. But community pharmacies can break down that barrier: "Ninety percent of the population in the United States lives within five miles of a pharmacy. There are 120 counties in Kentucky and there is a pharmacy, if not multiple, in every one of them."

This proximity led to Venditto's lab partnering with two small community pharmacies to equip pharmacists with the resources and ability to do COVID-19 testing in the stores. The test swabs are then sent back to the University lab for processing. Not only does the partnership help the people of Appalachia, but it also provides the laboratory with important data to inform research and practice for the future.

"I think all of our large universities need to be thinking about independent community pharmacies in this way," said Venditto, whose team recently published a letter in *Science*. "This has been such a unique time in history. Never before has science been the lead story on everyone's mind."



## A GETTYSBURGIAN ON A GOVERNMENT TASK FORCE

**Liz DiNenno '92** is at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and has been working there for more than 16 years. Her position, when she isn't working on the COVID-19 pandemic, is associate deputy director for surveillance, epidemiology, and laboratory sciences in the Division of HIV/AIDS Prevention. As COVID-19 activities ramped up at CDC, she was temporarily assigned to the Health and Human Services (HHS) Coronavirus Diagnostic and Testing Task Force under Assistant Secretary for Health Admiral Brett Giroir, often referred to as the "federal testing czar."

"There are a lot of moving parts to testing for SARS-CoV-2 (which causes coronavirus disease), and the supply chain is long and complicated," said DiNenno, who majored in sociology at Gettysburg and got her PhD at Temple University. "As part of the task force, I talked to state health departments to see what kinds of testing issues they're having and how we might be able to support. I also talked to test manufacturers to see whether there are delays in the chain and if we can help alleviate those. My team also acts as a liaison to the FDA and other federal agencies."

Like her fellow Gettysburgians, DiNenno worked 12-hour days or more handling the "pain points" related to SARS-CoV-2 testing. Nevertheless, she wouldn't change it. "My job is to serve the American public and I know I'm doing that every day," she said.

Service has always been a goal for DiNenno, but she certainly didn't anticipate a future in science. "I went to Gettysburg thinking I would probably be a social worker. I'm a very idealistic person and quickly realized I enjoyed the pursuit of academics in sociology, women's studies, and politics. I found my people at Gettysburg and, through our sociology department, learned the foundations for my current work, including how to analyze and understand data."



DiNenno sees more 12-hour days in her future due to the direct and indirect effects of COVID-19 and predicts the disease will change the way we live for many years to come, including more teleworking, increased hygiene, and changes in the medical system. She encourages Gettysburg students to be part of that change by applying the "skills they learn at Gettysburg to find creative solutions to the pandemic and beyond."

## OUT OF RETIREMENT AT WARP SPEED

Like most Americans, honorary degree recipient Dr. Moncef Slaoui was watching the increasing spread of COVID-19 this past spring with concern; however, Slaoui's expertise—unlike the rest of us—made him uniquely qualified to help solve the problem. Slaoui, an immunologist and the former head of vaccine development for GlaxoSmithKline, came out of retirement in order to give back as chief science adviser of Operation Warp Speed. "I believe our only real way out of this is through vaccination, and in a humble way, I think I have something to contribute," he said. "It's important to give back to society.... It's important to have a vision and ideals.... Give generously of yourself. If you do that, you will accomplish great things."

*Read our feature on Slaoui's leadership of the nation's vaccine efforts on the College's website.*

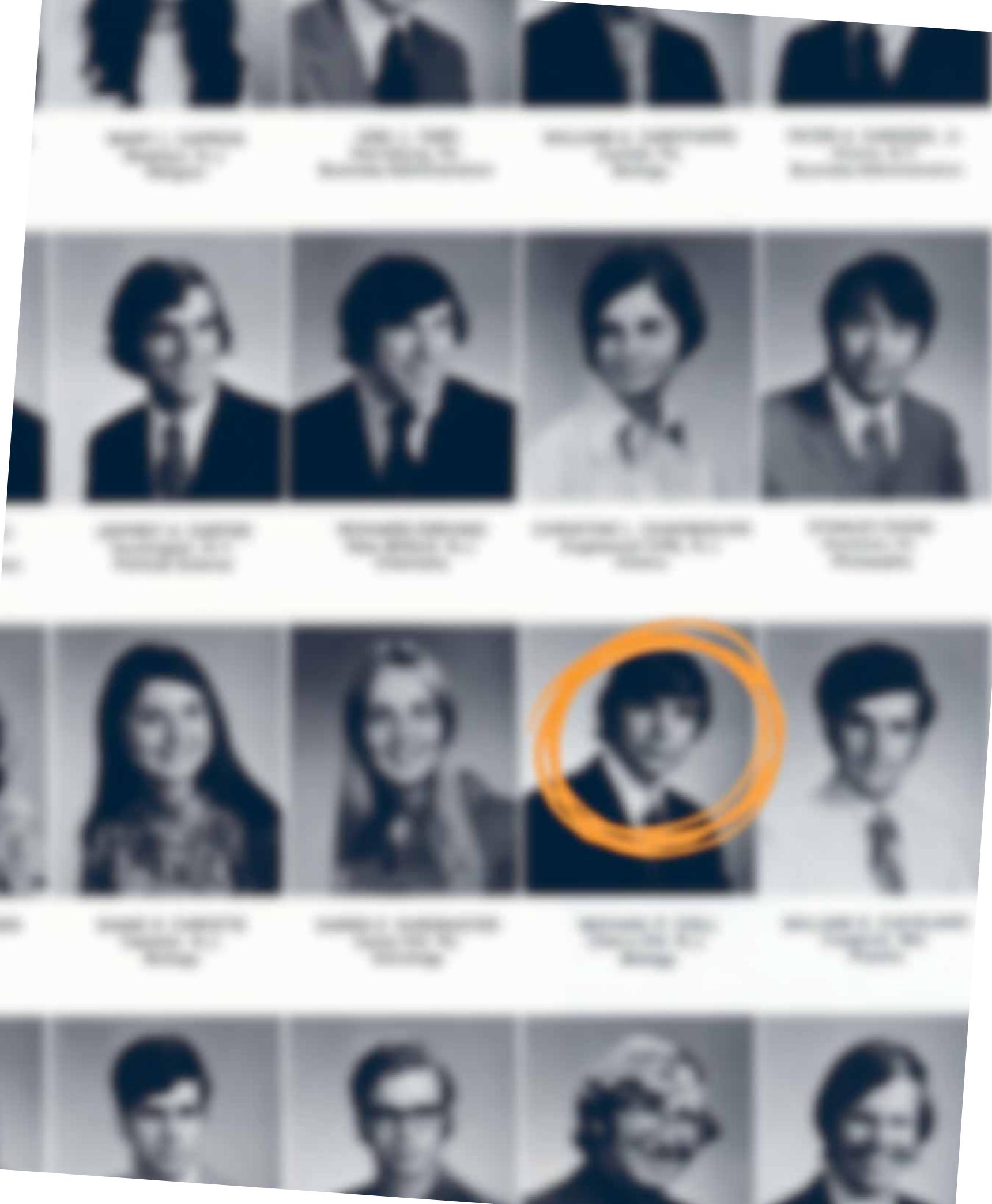


*Dr. Moncef Slaoui with his wife, Dr. Kristen Slaoui '92, and their son, Ryan, at the College's 2017 Commencement ceremony, at which Slaoui was awarded an honorary degree.*

## GETTYSBURGIANS STEPPING UP — EVERY STEP OF THE WAY

At every step of our nation's response to the coronavirus, Gettysburgians have made unique and necessary contributions to patient treatment, research, testing, quality control, and resource distribution. Whether intubating a patient struggling to breathe, bathing an elderly COVID-19 patient, or developing critical coronavirus testing products, Gettysburgians are stepping up in a time of emergency and serving their community, country, and the world. These Gettysburgians embody what it means to unleash a positive impact on the world—what it means to Do Great Work.

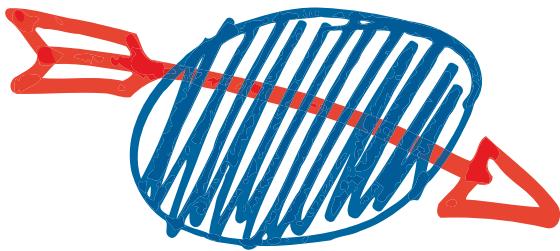
As Fedor said thoughtfully, "Never have I ever been so intimately a part of something I knew was going to be significant in history forever." **G**



# MATCH MADE IN GETTYSBURG

Alumni reflect on the lifelong friendships, romances, and professional relationships that were forged at Gettysburg and have grown stronger ever since.

by Megan Miller



On June 28, 2019, the stillness of the summer surrounded Pennsylvania Hall as *Natasha Maskaly '12* and *Robert Finch '09* gazed from nearby Adirondack chairs. Only the characteristic chirping bird songs of summer broke the silence.

After Maskaly, a former summer admissions tour guide, gave an impromptu tour to family friends during one of their regular return trips to campus, the longtime couple, having dated since 2011, paused for a quiet reflection before yet another momentous occasion in a beloved place.



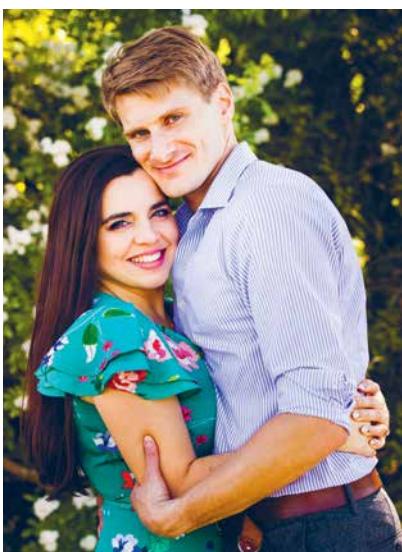
As they later went for a stroll underneath the sun-soaked trees, Finch stopped Maskaly at the base of the north side steps of Penn Hall and got down on bended knee. Knowing Maskaly's love of campus traditions at Penn Hall, there couldn't have been a better spot for a proposal connecting the past, present, and future.

"The past is always present," Finch said, remembering the day he and Maskaly got engaged. "We had met in Gettysburg, so proposing in Gettysburg made sense. What you had in the past is always a present part of you and shapes you. Time is cyclical. There's something special to be said when things repeat themselves. There's power of history over time."

Built in 1837, Penn Hall was the first building on campus and served as a hospital for soldiers during the Battle of Gettysburg. Today, it embodies Gettysburg College's significant past, but also its future, as it hosts two distinguished traditions for its students. During Convocation, incoming classes process together up the north steps and down the south steps of Penn Hall, symbolizing their entry to the College, while at Commencement, graduates process in the opposite direction to signify the completion of their time at Gettysburg.

For the couple, who will wed on Oct. 16, 2021, Penn Hall is the center of not only their college education, but also their lives.

"For me, traditions are very important," Maskaly said. "[They symbolize] the start of a new journey. When you graduate, you make the full circle. We started a new journey together with a nod to our history. [Getting engaged] at the north side steps, this is our next journey in our lives together. It's a new chapter, one that we don't ever want to close. We're not going to walk up the south side again."



*Natasha Maskaly '12 and  
Robert Finch '09*

## BONDS WITH NO BOUNDS

The power of place rings true for Finch and Maskaly—a connection to a community that knows no bounds. Even when Maskaly studied abroad in Paris, Finch extended that sense of connection through the handwritten love letters he mailed to Maskaly.

Five women from the Class of 1959 would applaud his approach, as they, too, prefer lasting connections through the written word. For 61 years, **Carol Reed Hamilton '59, GP'22**, **Marge Mills Carpenter '59, P'85**, **Florence Duckworth Wilson '59**, **Dottie Lloyd Simpson '59**, and **Barbara Ensor Mishler '59** have been writing a chain letter that kept them connected, even as the friends scattered across the country.

The letter began with recipe sharing and has since evolved into family updates. “The Gettysburg connection expands beyond students to families,” Hamilton said. “We have a granddaughter now, [Lindsey Hammond '22,] who is a junior there.... Our Gettysburg connection became a family.”

These global connections extend to a close-knit cohort of parents, too, who built bonds as they have traveled together internationally on trekking trips offered by the Gettysburg Recreational Adventure Board (GRAB). More than 13 trips have been organized—from Tuscany in 2006 to Normandy in 2019—each co-led with a student or alumni program leader.

Two sets of parents who are regular trekking attendees—**Frank '76, P'10** and **Nancy Brown P'10** and **David** and **Ulrike Martin P'07**—agree the College became an integral part of their lives thanks to the outreach for and participation in these trips. They even had the pleasure of joining trips led by their children, **Becky Brown '10** on the 2010 Spain trip and **Chris Martin '07** on the Montenegro trip in 2015.

“It’s absolutely drawn us in for a lifetime with Gettysburg,” Frank Brown said. “There’s no question about it.” David Martin added: “If the trips were to suddenly stop, the connections would not.”

## A CULTURE OF CONNECTION

**Rob Herb '92** described Gettysburg's welcoming culture as having a “certain sincerity.”

“To Gettysburg people, the honesty and openness that you see is the inherent dedication to service,” he said. “There’s a certain outlook that we are here to do good for others, not just for ourselves.... It was about how you can make it a community for the greater good.”

In the late '80s, Rob and his wife, **Carol Mengel Herb '92**, built a relationship with Religious Studies **Prof. Charles (Buz) Myers Jr. P'09**, and his wife, **Anne Myers P'09**, through volunteer work at Rev. Myers' church, as well as Carol's courses in the religious studies department. Myers was also Carol's advisor as a management and religion double major. The couples forged such a close bond that on Dec. 17, 1994, the Myers officiated the Herbs' wedding ceremony in Christ Chapel and their daughters were the Herbs' flower girls.



TOP **Frank '76, P'10** and **Nancy Brown P'10** with **David** and **Ulrike Martin P'07** and their fellow GRAB trekkers outside Assisi, Italy, in 2012.

BOTTOM (Back row, left to right): **Heather Richmond Kroncke '59, P'87**; **Marge Mills Carpenter '59, P'85**; **Barbara Ensor Mishler '59** (Front row, left to right): **Kay Risley Beck '59**, **Dottie Lloyd Simpson '59**, **Florence Duckworth Wilson '59**, **Carol Reed Hamilton '59, GP'22**.

"I always felt at home in Gettysburg and at the chapel," Carol said. "That's where Gettysburg is really unique. There's such a strong tie to that community. There's a unique feeling of belonging."

"They do an incredible job of reaching out and forging connections, whether between alumni and students in a career capacity or with freshmen during Send-Offs," she continued. "The College goes out of its way to foster those relationships and provide spaces for that to happen. Gettysburg really goes above and beyond."

**Tina Tao '05** and **Jeff Maynes '05** would agree. Tina, a chemistry major and now academic advisor at St. Lawrence University working on her doctorate in higher education, and Jeff, a history and philosophy double major turned philosophy professor, also at St. Lawrence, teach a first-year course together—Sherlock Holmes and the Art and Science of Reasoning—taking cues from those lessons learned at Gettysburg.

"What continues my love of this institution is not only meeting my husband there, but continuing lifelong learning," Tina said. "Jeff and I want to further that experience for other students. We work with them holistically to become good students but also good people."

As faculty relationships were important to them, Jeff and Tina try to impart the same on their students, dropping fun hints during class to see if they can guess they're a couple. Jeff thanks former Philosophy **Prof. Jennifer Hansen** and current Philosophy **Prof. Steve Gimbel** for his career development and is presently working with the latter on a new book.

"What's enduring about Gettysburg is all these connections—with my wife, friends, and faculty," Jeff said. "There's a culture of connection and working with other people. It's not a school with a culture where you [just] do your own work. You expect to work with professors."

## UNLIKELY RELATIONSHIPS

Switzerland-based sculptor **Nick Micros '82** and Rhodes College Art History Prof. **David McCarthy '83** are also lifelong learners. Since being introduced to American sculptor H.C. Westermann by retired Art **Prof. Alan Paulson**, the two have collaborated on publications—because, as McCarthy put it, there wouldn't be art historians without artists. Most recently, McCarthy has written about Micros' sculpture inspired by Westermann and Wayne Utley as acrobatics.

"Through dialogue, we have shared interests and backgrounds. We feed each other," Micros said. "The sculpture is an homage on these American values of manhood, which have to do with comradeship and men supporting each other. It's an old-fashioned notion. It mirrors the support David and I have been giving each other."

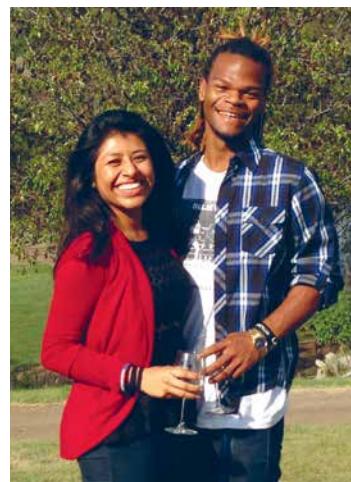
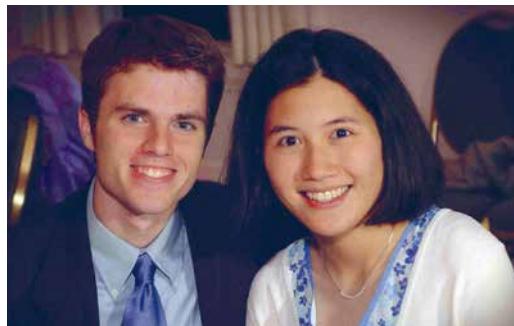
Initially, the duo might have not met. When Micros applied to Gettysburg, he was planning to play football and take pre-law courses, while McCarthy played soccer and was involved with Greek Life. Their concentrations changed once they were introduced to the art department.

"Gettysburg delivers on its promise as a four-year liberal arts institution," McCarthy said. "One of the things that was so amazing was when you found someone with similar interests, you have this brand-new community."

**Johanna Hernandez '14** and **Malcolm Perry '14**, who got engaged in 2018, claim they were also an unlikely pair who might not have met if it weren't for the Gettysburg community. Perry was an outgoing psychology major who played football, and Hernandez was a shy health sciences major and Spanish minor who focused on her studies. Total opposites, the two

were encouraged to meet people with different backgrounds and interests at Gettysburg.

"That environment pushes you to talk to people," Hernandez said. "Gettysburg does a great job helping you figure out who you are and what life's all about."



TOP, LEFT **Tina Tao '05** and **Jeff Maynes '05**

BOTTOM, LEFT **Nick Micros '82** beside one of his sculptures featured in an open-air exhibition in Ottenbach, Switzerland

RIGHT **Johanna Hernandez '14** and **Malcolm Perry '14** in Malibu, California

For **Barbara Tuceling '70**, it was the Gettysburg College Choir that brought together student singers from different backgrounds to rally around a shared passion: creating music. During a 1967 world tour she calls "life-changing," Tuceling traveled with her choirmates to 14 countries in nearly seven weeks, and was even invited to sing the Star-Spangled Banner at the U.S. embassy in Iran on the Fourth of July.

"People bond in different ways, but people have more opportunities to bond in Gettysburg than other places," Tuceling said. "The liberal arts curriculum exposes you to different topics and you get to know people who have a variety of interests and talents. Gettysburg's best impact are those lasting bonds."

## LOVE, LOYALTY, AND LEGACY

*"It was November 1961. . . I took a chance and asked her to share a Coke in the Bullet Hole during the [World University Service] Bazaar. She took a chance on an underclassman. On our second date, I kissed her. On our third date, I told her I loved her. On our fourth date, I knew she would be the one I marry. We were lavaliered and pinned, and in the shadow of Old Dorm, not far from where my father proposed to my mother 25 years earlier, I asked her to marry me—and she said yes. It's almost 52 years later and we still love each other, and [our] alma mater."*

In 2017, Rev. **John Nagle '65, GP'20** wrote this account about meeting his wife, **Lanie Hartzell Nagle '64, GP'20**, at Gettysburg's radio station for the College's Valentine's Day Facebook album. It was the most loved photo in the album.

"Love at first sight was really true for me," said John, whose father **Robert Nagle '35**, brother **David Nagle '61** and granddaughter **Sofia Mouritsen '20** are also Gettysburg grads.

After John graduated on a Sunday, he and Lanie were married the next Saturday at the chapel at the Lutheran Theological Seminary at Gettysburg (now the United Lutheran Seminary), where John would soon start his theological education.

"We became townies while he went to Seminary," Lanie said. "The town and gown blood are in us."

They did everything they could together, including later traveling to 120 countries and all seven continents thanks to Gettysburg "awakening the desire" in them to explore the world, John said.

But when they left Gettysburg, and while they now live in North Carolina, they maintained close ties to the College and the town. "When you go to Gettysburg, you don't just leave or forget about it," said John. "We both love the College and always have."

For many Gettysburgians, that sense of loyalty has developed into an enduring legacy. **Teena Stewart Mowery '79, P'15, '18** and **Hal Mowery '76, P'15, '18**, as well as Hal's mother, **Phyllis Shearer Mowery '53, P'76, '80, GP'05, '15, '18**, all "shared



**TOP** The Gettysburg College Choir on their 1967 world tour

**MIDDLE** Lovers of travel Rev. John Nagle '65, GP'20 and Lanie Hartzell Nagle '64, GP'20 in Sydney, Australia

**RIGHT** Hal Mowery '76, P'15, '18 and Teena Stewart Mowery '79, P'15, '18 with their daughter and Gettysburg women's field hockey Assistant Coach Ashley Mowery



a passion for the 'Burg,' so much so they've built a legacy at the College that dates back more than nine decades and four generations. After being married for more than 40 years, three of their children attended Gettysburg—Garrett, **Lexis '15**, and **Haley '18**—and their fourth child, **Ashley Mowery**, is an assistant coach for the women's field hockey team.

Teena said, "The 'Burg is in our blood, our hearts and souls, and in our fondest of memories." The same rings true for many Gettysburgians, and their stories, like these, attest that the people make the place. **C**

*Molly Foster and Anya Hanna also contributed to this story.*

# CHRIS KAUFFMAN

by Merlyn Maldonado Lopez '22

Theatre Arts **Prof. Chris Kauffman** '92, professor and chair of the theatre arts department, had an affinity for the performing arts since high school—he was in a rock band at the time. But it was during his undergraduate experience at Gettysburg College that he discovered his interest in theater arts.

"Some of my best memories from college are in theater production," Kauffman said. "It really is about strengthening and living in that sense of community and family between students."

Kauffman went on to earn a Master of Fine Arts from Brandeis University in Massachusetts, then moved to New York City, where he lived for 10 years. During his time in the city, Kauffman freelanced as an actor and director, and ultimately found his interest

shifting more into the process of bringing a theatrical performance to life, rather than performing.

He had been in living in New York for about eight years when he returned to Gettysburg for a visit. He said hello to his former professors, and to his surprise, small talk turned into a big invitation—an invitation to bring *Hotel California*, the first show he co-wrote and performed in, to Gettysburg's Kline Theatre stage. He happily agreed. Kauffman returned once again a few years later to lead a workshop at the College, and later in 2002 as a visiting professor for a semester. When a full-time position opened the following year, he described the opportunity as a welcomed transition from his time in New York back to his roots in Gettysburg.



# 10

*years in the New York City theater scene*

# 25

*plays and musicals directed in his tenure here at the College*

# 80

*acres of land collectively farmed by Kauffman and his intentional community*

**LEFT** Kauffman with his wife, Emily Windover, their three daughters, Ruby, Phoebe, and Mia, and their family dog.



Kauffman (right) performs his show *Hotel California* in New York City.

Since becoming a faculty member at Gettysburg College, Kauffman has directed more than **25 PLAYS AND MUSICALS**, as well as developed a variety of courses for the theatre department—all of which he views as highlights of his career.

Beyond Gettysburg, Kauffman has co-authored, and occasionally performs in, three award-winning, interactive comedy pieces: *Hotel California*, *Nharcolepsy*, and *Cabaret Terrarium*, all of which have been performed in New York City and throughout North America. He has also directed Williamstown Theatre Festival's educational outreach program for six summers with his wife, Emily Windover, who is also a theater artist. The program, called The Greylock Theatre Project, paired youth from challenging home situations with professional theatre artists to make and perform their own plays.

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Over the years, Kauffman has learned that being involved with the art of theater is a rehearsal for life and a **BUILDING BLOCK FOR COMMUNITY**.

"As actors, we put ourselves in other people's issues to imagine how we might behave if we had other peoples' problems. We experience conflict," Kauffman said. "It teaches a lot about empathy and working through conflict."

He carries this notion with him, and it influences his approach to life outside of the College, too. Kauffman, his wife, and three daughters—ages 15, 12, and 10—live in an intentional community in Adams County, Hundredfold Farm, which was founded by **Prof. Emeritus Louis Hammann '51** and designed with social cohesion and teamwork in mind.

The community fosters 10 homes and shares 80 acres of land with a mission of sustainability. To Kauffman, living in an intentional community enables him and his family to do a lot of community work together. They enjoy taking long walks, raising chickens and other animals, and working in their garden.

"It is a neat community," Kauffman said. "It has its challenges and conflicts, like anything, but it is where I like to be—surrounded by people, where we are working through things together, just like in the theater."



Kauffman and his three daughters enjoy time together outdoors.



Kauffman directing at Gettysburg College's Majestic Theater.

Kauffman's three daughters have taken after his wife's interest in theater, participating in past performances of *A Christmas Carol* at Gettysburg College's Majestic Theater, as well as theatrical productions at their schools. He attributes his daughters' passion for theater to one of his goals as a teacher and father: to **ALWAYS STAY TRUE** to himself and to be excited and passionate about everything he does.

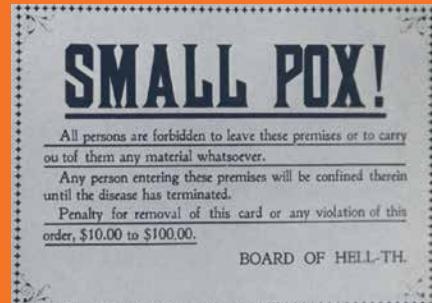
In living this goal, Kauffman hopes his excitement and enthusiasm is something that's passed down to his daughters and students.

"Whatever they do, I hope they do it with enthusiasm and appreciation for the process and journey," he said.

# PANDEMICS OF THE PAST

by Molly Foster

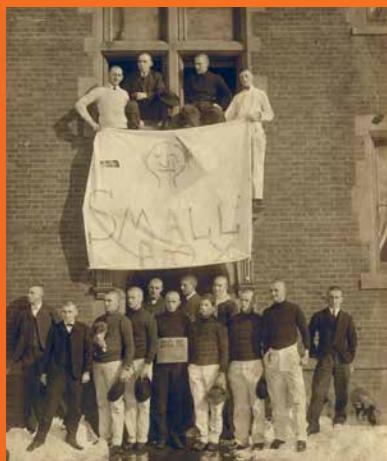
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ABOVE When the College went into quarantine following a smallpox scare, the Board of Health posted notices across campus.

BOTTOM, LEFT A group of students gather outside McKnight Hall, which was a residence hall called South College at the time of the smallpox quarantine.

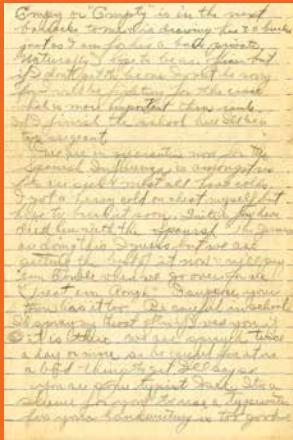
## 1905 SMALLPOX



As cases of smallpox spread across Pennsylvania in the winter of 1905, so too did feelings of anxiety and unease. In its Feb. 15, 1905 edition, the *Gettysburgian* likened the emotions that accompanied the outbreak to "the greatest excitement in Gettysburg College since the great battle in 1863." In early February, two students developed a rash that was originally misdiagnosed as smallpox, sending the College into a period of quarantine. Skeptical, College authorities asked the State Board of Health to confirm the diagnosis, and it turned out to not be smallpox, but chicken pox.

## 1918 INFLUENZA

The *Gettysburg Compiler* reported that the first cases of flu at Camp Colt, Gettysburg's training facility for the Tank Corps, appeared in late September 1918. In an effort to quell the spread, Dwight D. Eisenhower, who was named commander of the camp earlier that year, issued a strict quarantine. During most of the quarantine, no one was allowed in or out of the camp, except for medical transfers. The College and broader Gettysburg communities rallied together to fight what History News Network (HNN) referred to as the Second Battle of Gettysburg: "For the second time in less than 60 years, Gettysburg College, and local school and church buildings were converted to hospitals to care for the stricken and deathly ill," a May 2020 HNN article said.



A soldier stationed at Camp Colt in 1918 writes about the influenza outbreak and the camp quarantine.

## 2020 COVID-19

The threat of COVID-19 first loomed over Spring Break in early March, and as the global crisis escalated, an extended break and ultimately remote spring semester ensued. Following a short-lived fall return, a spike in positive cases on campus prompted an all-campus quarantine, and a few days later, a de-densification. To reduce the number of students in residence in fall 2020, one cohort of students continued their studies on campus, while a second cohort did so remotely. For spring 2021, a new residential cohort was invited to attend classes in-person. Students and faculty have met the unforeseen, ongoing situation with resolve and resilience, and many of our alumni have been a positive force throughout the pandemic, both locally and globally.

*Read more about how Gettysburgians are trailblazing a path to a post-COVID-19 world on page 24.*

## 1920 SCARLET FEVER

The first case of scarlet fever at Gettysburg College was identified on Feb. 6, 1920, and on Feb. 18, the College shut down and implemented a quarantine. To prevent further spread, students with symptoms were removed from residence halls and those who were asymptomatic were locked down in the dorms for at least 10 days. During the short-lived quarantine, the *Gettysburgian* documented the postponement of many campus activities including basketball games and a debate with Swarthmore College. In early March, the outbreak waned, and students went home while residential halls were disinfected.



Students decorated the front door of South College (McKnight Hall) during the scarlet fever quarantine, which included a basket pulley system for noncontact deliveries.

**MAY 15**

*Spring Honors Day  
Distinguished  
Alumni Awards  
Class of 2020  
Baccalaureate*

**MAY 16**

*Class of 2020  
Commencement*

**MAY 22**

*Class of 2021  
Baccalaureate*

**MAY 23**

*Class of 2021  
Commencement*

**MAY 31**

*Gettysburg Fund and  
Orange & Blue Club  
fund year ends*

**JUNE 3-6**

*Alumni College and  
Reunion Weekend  
Meritorious Service and  
Young Alumni Awards*

**JUNE 4**

*Orange & Blue  
Golf Classic*

**JULY-AUGUST**

*Summer Send-Offs for  
New Students*

**AUGUST (TBD)**

*Opening Convocation*

**SEPTEMBER**

**24-26**

*Homecoming*

**OCTOBER 8-10**

*Reunion Weekend:  
45th and 50th Reunions  
Classes of 1970, 1971,  
1975, and 1976*

**OCTOBER 22-24**

*Family Weekend  
Fall Honors Day*

*Dates are subject to change. Please visit  
[gettysburg.edu](http://gettysburg.edu) for the latest event details.*

**CANDIDATES FOR  
HONORARY DEGREES**

**DEADLINE: SEPTEMBER 30 FOR 2022**

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](http://gettysburg.edu/commencement/traditions/honorary-degrees). Nominations and questions may be directed to *Maureen Forrestal* at [honorarydegreennominations@gettysburg.edu](mailto:honorarydegreennominations@gettysburg.edu) or 717-337-6820.

**SEEKING  
NOMINATIONS**

**ALUMNI ASSOCIATION BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

**DEADLINE: MARCH 1**

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

**ALUMNI  
ASSOCIATION  
AWARDS**

**DEADLINE: NOVEMBER 8**

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

# CLASS NOTES

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## '43

**David C. Houck** passed away on Jan. 17, 2020. While at Gettysburg, Dave was the ROTC student commander. He went on to serve in the U.S. Army during World War II, where he was deployed as a Lieutenant Platoon Leader of six Stuart Tanks and 23 men of the 745th Tank Battalion attached to the 1st Infantry Division known as the Big Red 1. For an action in November 1944, he was awarded a Silver Star for bravery. On Christmas Eve 1944, he was wounded in the Battle of the Bulge, for which he received a Purple Heart. David resided most of his life in Arendtsville, Pa. He was an active member of St. James Lutheran Church in Wenksville, Pa., where he taught Sunday school for 60 years, served on the church council, and was treasurer of the church for many years. He served faith-based organizations including United Lutheran Seminary in Gettysburg and the Board of Lutheran Social Services. He was a delegate to five national Lutheran church assemblies and attended 65 annual Synod Council – Lower Susquehanna Synod meetings. He served as adviser to Post 70 of the Boy Scouts of America and served a number of years as treasurer of the South Mountain Fair Association. David was employed by National Bank of Arendtsville and later

as business manager of Upper Adams School District for 25 years. He was married for 73 years to Marie Taylor Houck, who preceded him in death. He is survived by two sons, a daughter, six grandchildren, and five great-grandchildren. Dave returned to Gettysburg for his 75th Reunion in 2018 and served as Parade Leader. He was escorted by his daughter, Carol Houck Javis '68, who was back for her 50th Reunion. We extend our sincere condolences to Dave's family and friends.

## 1950 ◎

Well, the idea of a 70th Reunion seemed to be a bit beyond our capacities until the possibility of Zoom entered the conversation. **Andy O'Day** and Joe Lynch '85 got it together and off we went! We "met" and chatted a bit with each other, and Joe took us on a virtual tour through the campus. It was great fun and was enjoyed by those who made it, including **Liz Lott Bair, Betty Phleger Bell, Bob Boyer, Andy O'Day, Emily Morse Palmer, Ted Schlack, Bob Singer, Pete Swartzbaugh**, and me. A number of other classmates had hoped to join, but glitches of one sort or another kept them off. They are **Sid Ehrhart, Frannie Grieman, Ruth Shoemaker Kumler, Harry Pure, Carolyn Lee Sieck, and Glenn White**.

I suspect I've made some mistakes. If you want to call me to correct, please do at 864-688-2696. I have a list of addresses from the College, but many of us are not on email. Until next time, I'll borrow from Liz and say, "Stay vertical!"

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## '51

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

I'm still hoping to hear from other classmates from 1951. So far, through (April 18, 2020), I have only two names in my current email files. Number one: **Anthony Costanzo** gave a splendid version of his personal life at 93 years. I read the last of his first sentence that warned me of "sad news." His final sentence was no more cheerful: "I presume that there are not many of us left." OK, I thought to myself. But the sketch of his life over the last 69 years was brief, but charming, especially that sentence that gave the story of "midlife" as: "22 years in Cape May where I had an active and joyous time there." He also served as president of the Senior Citizens Group and his homeowners association, as well

as business manager of the community band where he played his tenor sax. He also went to church and sang. Before all that, along with other commitments, he served as the head of the technical information service for the area's chamber of commerce. Someday, I'll have him tell me that whole midlife adventure. Now for the second name, your class agent: born July 8, 1929; College grad 1951; three more degrees; and 51 years in the religion department at the College, etc. How many other stories are out there that may find their way to lhammann@gettysburg.edu?

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## '52

This is not an easy class note to write since all I have are obituaries. How about some news? **Gerald Royals**, who died in July 2020, was married to **Lynn Janet Leibfried Royals '52**, who died in 2011. (I was in their wedding). Gerry was a retired colonel in the U.S. Army and served in both the Korean and Vietnam wars. At Gettysburg, Gerry was class president. After earning a master's degree from George Washington U, he was a woman's gymnastic teacher and judge, as well as the head coach at West Springfield High School for 19 years. Gerry is survived by three children, five grandchildren, and four great-grandchildren. **Peter Forrest MacGhee**, a lifelong resident of Moorestown, N.J., was 17 when he convinced his mother to sign him up for the U.S. Navy. He ended up as a Navy Corpsman dental technician, and after the war, he attended Gettysburg College and met his future wife, Marian Page Harbaugh, his Spanish teacher. His career was as a salesman, and he worked in several companies over the years. Peter was preceded in death by his

wife, infant daughter, and three siblings. He is survived by two sons, one daughter, two grandchildren, and four great-grandchildren. **Hubert C. "Skip" Smith** graduated from Dillsburg High School, received a BA from Gettysburg College, a BS and MS in aeronautical engineering from Penn State, and a PhD in system engineering from the UVA. He served two years as a U.S. Air Force officer and 10 years in the U.S. Air Force Reserve, rising to rank of captain. He later worked in a civilian capacity for the Air Force as an aircraft project engineer.

**Frank H. Barranco**, MD—a devoted husband of 63 years to his wife Rosalie "Lee," a loving father, grandfather, great-grandfather, and dedicated physician—died in March 2020. He graduated magna cum laude, Phi Beta Kappa, and salutatorian from Gettysburg College, followed up by his MD at the UPenn School of Medicine (now the Perelman School of Medicine at the U of Pennsylvania). He cared for thousands of Santa Ynez Valley residents and was responsible, with a small group of physicians, for the creation of the Santa Ynez Valley Cottage Hospital. Frank is survived by his wife, Lee; three children; three grandchildren; and a great-granddaughter. **John "Jack" Taggart Ziegler**, MD, died in March 2020, 18 days after his wife, Madge.

Before Gettysburg College, he was in the U.S. Army for two years, receiving an honorable discharge in addition to Victory, ETO, and Good Conduct medals. After Gettysburg, Jack graduated from the UPenn School of Dental Medicine, followed by an MS in orthodontics. After setting up practice in Carlisle, Pa., Jack became involved in many professional organizations in which he remained active for most of his career—Harrisburg Area Dental Society, Harrisburg Area Insurance Committee, and the PA Dental Association, among others. He was on the Board of Fellows at Gettysburg College and was active in Phi Kappa Psi. And he visited all seven

continents! Jack and Madge had three children and nine grandchildren.

**William F. Shuler**, a lifelong citizen of Dover, N.J., died from COVID-19 in May 2020. Bill graduated midyear, and he attended Blair Academy before attending Gettysburg College. While a student at Gettysburg, he met his future wife, Peggy, on a blind date. They married after his graduation, before he was drafted, and spent two years in the U.S. Army, including 14 months in Korea. After his return, he worked at Shuler Tire Service with his brother until the business was sold. Bill's interest in supporting and improving students' lives led him to serve on the Board of Education for 52 years. In spite of his many rewards and honors, his true legacy is that he showed "genuine kindness toward everyone he encountered in his life." Bill and Peg had three children, nine grandchildren, and five great-grandchildren. **William P. Keiser** died in his garden at home, just shy of his 90th birthday. He began his education in a one-room schoolhouse, earned his bachelor's degree from Gettysburg College and his master's degree from Penn State U. After three years in the U.S. Army, he began his teaching career at Juniata High School, teaching math and driver's education. He taught at three other schools before retiring in 1990. After retirement, he bought the family home and was known for a variety of interests—the main one was "The Cookie Man." He was known for making thousands of cookies at Christmas. Active until his last day, Bill's mantra was "age is just a number. I am growing older; I'm not growing old." **Dean Nevin Dubbs** died in April 2020 at age 91. He was a bugler in the U.S. Army during the Korean War. After his service, he was into computers and was a top sales executive for Datapoint—a startup in the mini-computer era. He was a singer and performed in many musicals. Dean leaves behind his wife Dorothy, three daughters, two sons, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren. **Robert L. Kaufman**, who died in July, was preceded in death by his

life partner, Marjorie. They are survived by two children and a grandson. After graduating from naval preparatory at Admiral Farragut Academy, he enlisted in the U.S. Navy, where he was a member of the Naval Aviation Combat Crew during World War II. When he returned home, he received a degree from Gettysburg College and later received his DO from the College of Osteopathic Medicine and Surgery in Des Moines, Iowa. He established his family practice in 1959 and retired in 2001. Robert was a highly regarded aviation enthusiast and was an accomplished pilot who enjoyed flying his planes and also building model planes. **Virgil R. Hartman**, who died in April 2020, is survived by his wife of 70 years, Nancy, and their three children, 15 grandchildren, and 25 great-grandchildren. He was employed by Prudential Insurance for 32 years, beginning as a sales agent and later becoming manager for the Harrisburg regional office. I hope that you are all well, and I look forward to hearing from you before our next issue.

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## '53

With sadness, the family of Barbara S. King, who was a graduate of Gettysburg College in 1953 and class correspondent, shared the news that she went on to life eternal on Oct. 3, 2020, at The Village at Luther Ridge in Chambersburg, Pa. Barbara met her husband, Laurence, while singing in the Gettysburg College Choir. Together, they raised three sons in Huntington, Long Island, NY. She held several offices in her local church, Huntington Cold Spring Harbor United Methodist Church and with the Huntington Community Food Council. Retiring to Fayetteville, Pa., in 1988, Barbara became very involved at Calvary United Methodist Church, holding several offices in both the church and the United Methodist Women. She also served with the York District and

Susquehanna Conference of the United Methodist Women. A soprano, she enjoyed singing in the church choir and with the Mercersburg Area Community Chorus. She volunteered at Totem Pole Playhouse and she enjoyed attending the Institute for Retired Persons at Wilson College.

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## '54

During this challenging period of COVID-19, the Class of '54 has shown itself to be resourceful, making good use of time despite the public health restrictions. I have been at my summer cottage, attending meetings, book club, and conferences via Zoom, plus "social distancing" for dinners with friends. It is wonderful to be able to do this, but I look forward to the time when these meetings and conferences can be done in person rather than virtually or socially distanced. The most exciting time during COVID-19 was had by **Nancy Penniman Young**, who was on an African safari with her daughter when international flights began to close down due to the coronavirus. Penny wrote, "Who could have guessed that just getting back to the United States might be the biggest adventure of all? Philadelphia never looked so good when we landed. But, while still on the safari, I was able to see some incredible wildlife and had a chance to set the world record as the oldest female to do the zip line over Victoria Falls. I would like to go back." Way to go, Penny! **Ralph Fischer** wrote, "I have kept a diary since 1958, and I am rereading it. It's amazing how much you forget. Also, I have been phoning friends from all over the country to check on how they are coping." Ralph and **Henry "Hank" Lush** continue to communicate regularly as they have done for many years. **Rocky Fisher** does a lot of reading and keeps busy playing online bridge with Phi Psi brother **Pete Henning**. **Al Comery** and his wife, Phyllis, returned from a five-day trip to Atlanta just as all the quarantining, masks, and social distancing began. That activity led

them to sheltering at home and ordering groceries for delivery, as well as attending church online. **Glenn Pannell** and his wife, Connie, live in a continuing care retirement village in Ft. Worth, Texas, as do **Ralph Fischer** and his wife, Evelyn, in Bethlehem, Pa. All have adjusted to the restrictions required by COVID-19 and feel that they are in a safe and pleasant environment. **Buzz Hanson** regrets that, during this time, he is unable to volunteer at hospice at the VA hospital, but he still helps at the USO, assisting our troops when needed. It is with much regret that I report the death of the wife of **Hank Lush**. Jean Wolfe Lush '57 died suddenly in August 2020. She met Hank while they were students at Gettysburg. Following Hank's tour in Germany, Hank and Jean moved to Galeton, Pa., where Jean was very active in the Presbyterian Church, serving as an elder, deacon, and choir member. She founded a community play group and taught there while also working at the family business, Lush Brothers. Hank and Jean were married for 65 years and have three children, nine grandchildren, and nine great-grandchildren. Our deepest sympathy to Hank and his family.

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## '55

We had a nice communication from **Samuel Ted Reiner**, who informed us that he and his spouse, Anne, celebrated their 65th wedding anniversary! They were married shortly after graduation. Although limited by virus protocols, they were still able to celebrate the great event and "meet" relatives and friends via Zoom. Observed Ted, "Only Dick Tracy could have conceived something like this." Early on, Anne, a Wilson College grad, helped put Sam through Georgetown Law school "while working for NSA as a foreign language cryptanalyst." Sam was then employed by the U.S. Treasury

Department (IRS) and later as professor of tax at NYU. He was also an associate dean at Southern Methodist U. He had the perk where there was “tuition remission for faculty children,” but none of their four sons attended those schools! (Yeah, you can’t always tell your kids where to go to school.) Ted and Anne now reside in Sarasota, Fla. Thanks for the update, Ted! Results for the 2019–2020 Loyalty Fund indicated that 32 donors contributed \$38,660, including \$17,185 to the Gettysburg Fund and \$600 toward the Orange & Blue Club. Please remember that the alumni magazine has been reduced to two issues annually. It has an attractive format and has more pages, but it still requires early submissions. Let us know what’s going on with you, keeping in mind the deadlines for each issue. Thank you.

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

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## '57

Our age group, due to the coronavirus pandemic, is among the most vulnerable. Fortunately, I have received no word from the College or individuals that anyone among us has been so afflicted. Even so, there are plenty of other reasons, it seems, why those among us deal with life’s severities and end times. **Raymond Scott Davis Jr.**, “Jeff,” a retired Major in the U.S. Marine Corps, became wheelchair-bound in 2001 due to a stroke. He died May 24, 2020.

Jeff was a Vietnam veteran. He is buried in the Quantico National Cemetery in Triangle, Va. His survivors include a second wife, Paula, and an adopted son. **Robert Sickel**, in a note to me, tells of the death of his wife of 63 years, Margaret, on April 13. They were the parents of five children, two of whom are Gettysburg College graduates. Also, a grandson is a member of the Class of 2008. Margaret was afflicted with early onset Alzheimer’s disease for 17 years. She spent her last five years as a patient in a nursing home. She did not walk for five of those years nor talk for four of them. A brief email from Dorothea Larkin Beebe ’58 told of the Mar. 31, 2020, death of her ex-husband, **Noel Beebe**. Colonel **Carl C. Neely Jr.** (U.S. Army, retired) died on May 6, 2020. Carl had a notably impressive Army career. He served with a combat unit in Vietnam and commanded a nuclear missile battalion in Germany. He also served at NATO, the Defense Intelligence Agency, and the Joint Chiefs of Staff. Carl was on the team responsible for the fielding of the Patriot Missile System and was project manager of the Anti-Tactical Missile System. During his military career, he was awarded the Silver Star, two Bronze Stars, the Legion of Merit, and many other commendations. In retirement, he chose to prepare for and enter the ministry and was ordained as a priest in the Episcopal Church in 1990. He served several churches, including 14 years as rector of Trinity Church in Beaver, Pa. Carl is survived by his wife of 62 years, Patricia, and three children. We send our belated sympathy to the families of these classmates. During the long time gap since the last publication of this alumni news, I have received a total of three postcard photos from faithfully reliant correspondent **Stuart Carswell**. One of the pictures shows Stu at the Keene, N.H., Senior Center with his award-winning painting, “Mount Monadnock—Autumn.” A second card shows his “sheltering at home” sports center with a yoga mat, dartboard, and a

putting green; the third shows Stu sporting a broad, toothy grin face mask. He claims every store clerk tells him, “I love your smile,” and consequently never fails to give him free stuff. Stu sends his greetings to our classmates and, along with me, wishes you all, vulnerable as we are, to stay well during these especially challenging times.

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## '58

What a year—2020! No one has been traveling or writing, but I do have some news sent into the Office of Alumni Relations. **Sarah Jacobs Byrne** is happy to say that she has a grandson, Kevin Cosgrave ’20, and a granddaughter, Lauren Cosgrave ’23, as students of Gettysburg College—so glad the tradition is continuing. Our group that usually meets in Pennsylvania hasn’t been able to travel this year, so sorry to not see everyone, Sarah included. My sister-in-law, Marian Davis, had a nice visit with **Peg Long**, as Peg continues to live in Gettysburg. **Marilyn Divan Morrow** and **Judy Schaub** had a nice lengthy telephone visit in November 2019 catching up on events. Judy has retired from her physical therapy position and still lives in Auburn, Mass., and Marilyn and her husband, John, have retired to the Jersey Shore. John is a retired Episcopal priest, and in September 2019, they enjoyed a family gathering at the wedding of their granddaughter. Her husband, John, officiated at the ceremony. Marilyn noted that our class is on the fourth page of the Class Notes section, so pretty startling! **Bob Harcourt** continues being active in the IAIA Foundation at his home in Santa Fe, N.M. Many condolences go out to families in our class in the year of 2020. My former husband, Jeff Davis ’57, passed away in May 2020, and **Didi Larkin Beebe**’s

former husband, Noel '57, died in March 2020. **Don Holland** died earlier in the year, and **Eugene Deardorff** passed away in September 2020. All these classmates left indelible, fond memories to those who knew them during their lifetimes, and we offer our prayers and sympathy to all the families. I am looking forward to hearing from everyone, as I'm sure all the projects are caught up at home and you'll have time to write.

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## '59

Bruce had a long chat recently with **Andy Leh**, who called to be sure we had gotten word that classmate **Jeff Langsom** had died. Now, I hope some of you have good news to send. Andy and his wife keep busy with the antique business they run. The College did get in touch with me for an article about a group of us who have stayed in touch during these 60 years via our Round Robin letter. Be on the lookout for the article in the next GETTYSBURG College Magazine. Our granddaughter, ending her junior year, has just been sent home as the campus sent many home to escape the coronavirus. Times do change over the years. Last year, I enjoyed meeting weekly with a middle-school student in the public school here in Cromwell, Conn., but I know that will not happen this year. I had a note from **Bucky Walters** along with a copy of *The Gettysburgian*, March 1959, that he bought at a local auction. The feature article on the front page was a photo of the 17 members of our class elected to Phi Beta Kappa. Who knew 60 years later we had smart members who were worth some money to someone? I always look forward to your news.

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## 1960

**Lois Fink Normand** called to report the death of **Sally Hannah** in South Africa in July 2020. Lois is living safely in the Alabama woods since she and her husband retired to his family home. She visited Sally in Durban in 2010, touring the country for seven weeks. **Dan Selak** passed on a couple of email messages from classmates. In May 2020, he heard from **Dave Hertzler**, who claimed to be waiting for Reunion folks at The Pub in Gettysburg! Dave lamented the postponement. He reported that **Jim Garman** was cited by *Washington Post* columnist E.J. Dionne Jr. in a May 2020 op-ed piece on Memorial Day.

"I will forever honor a high-school history teacher named Jim Garman, who reached out to me before my father's wake to say that I should not be offended if people said silly or even stupid things about my dad's departure. 'They just don't know what to say,' he explained. 'They're trying to say the right thing.' His counsel made me love and appreciate those whom death leaves tongue-tied." I suspect we all know that feeling. Jim recalled E.J. as one of the best students he ever taught. He is still teaching in an adult education program at a local college in Newport, R.I. You can check YouTube for 15 of his lectures! Did the pandemic shutdown cause you to perfect your bread baking, learn a new language, write your memoirs, or clean out a closet? Write or call and tell me!

**Bob Custer** died in March 2020. Bob was also a graduate of United Lutheran Seminary at Gettysburg with a master's degree in counseling from Shippensburg U. He served as a minister for 57 years, retiring from Providence Lutheran in Centerville, Pa. He enjoyed crossword puzzles, antique cars, and spending time with his children and grandchildren. Our sympathy to his wife Judy, his daughters Heidi and Gretchen, and his son Robert.

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## '61

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

Greetings from 2020, the longest year in the record books! Oh, it's 2021, finally. Congratulations to **Sherman Hendrix** for being elected to a four-year term on the Gettysburg College Alumni Board of Directors. "Sherm" is looking forward to working with this interesting group of 24 members from a range of class years. Our sympathy to the family of **David Barclay**, who died on Jan. 29, 2020. Dave was a U.S. Army veteran, a builder, artist, and wood carver. My mailbox is whining for mail. Keep it happy by letting me know what you are doing.

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## '62

Almost no news to report! Where are you, classmates? Send me news, please! I can report my own news, however, and I begin with a warning—beware of escalators in airports! In July 2020, while heading to St. Simons Island in Ga., I decided to take the down escalator in the Jacksonville airport—wrong decision. I lost my balance on the top step and fell the entire length of the escalator. The result was a broken left arm, broken right shoulder blade, dislocated shoulder, broken rib, and three weeks in a Jacksonville rehab facility. I'm back in Vermont now and have healed nicely. Here's a word to the wise—use the elevators. **John Heilman Jr.** passed away on March 22, 2020, in Allentown, Pa. He was a U.S. Marine Corps veteran, having served in the Korean War. He was employed by PPL for 35 years until his retirement in 1994. That's all I have for now. Please send me your good news.

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## '63

As I write, I am hoping that the pandemic has lessened by the time you read this. A lot has changed, not all detrimental, but some difficult to face, nevertheless. I hope you are managing OK. Here's some sad news first.

We lost two classmates this past year.

**Bob Hopple**, a Phi Gam who was a high school teacher and coach, passed away at his home in California on Feb. 25, 2020. He leaves behind his wife, Mary; their son, Kyle, and his wife, Celine; and their daughter, Rebecca, and her husband, Nathan, and their children, Kendall and Sienna. Bob is also survived by his sister, Bonnie, and her husband. **Russell Paul**, husband of our late classmate **Janice Hannold Paul**, passed away on March 24, 2020, in Woodbury, N.J., where he was an attorney for 40 years. Russ held several high-profile positions during his practice, and in addition, he served as school board solicitor for Gateway

Regional High School as well as other school districts. During the last several years, Russell spent time traveling the world with his companion, Sandra Crandall. He is survived by his son, Alan, and his wife Stephanie; his daughter, Laurie, and her husband, Mark; four grandchildren; his sister, Joy; and four nieces and nephews. Recognition and a big thank you to **Carol Dunlap Billings**, whose generous endowment gift to Gettysburg College allowed Nick Krupcheck, a junior intern at Musselman Library, to create a book display titled "Conservation and the National Parks." Nick chose to use the anniversary of the founding of Yellowstone National Park as inspiration for the display. Thank you, Carol. **Don Burden**, president of the Shrewsbury Historical Society, was recently honored with the Historic Preservation Recognition Award of the National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution. The award recognizes an individual who has done remarkable volunteer work in the

community in all areas of historic preservation. Don was specifically recognized for his work in history, as well as government, education, Scouting, and county volunteerism. Congratulations, Don. **Gary Bootay** wrote a memoir titled *Being Deaf in a Hearing World*. It has stories of his growing-up years as a non-hearing boy, as well as his years at Gettysburg with us. It is in final editing. Gary is donating proceeds from the book to #Bootaystrong, which he created to support his 23-year-old grandson's long-term rehab from a brain tumor. You can contact Gary at gbootay@comcast.net. That is all for now. Please let me know how you are and what is going on. I enjoy keeping us all connected.

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## '64

I hope everyone is coping with the vicissitudes of COVID-19. It has been very difficult for everyone. I hope you are diligently wearing your masks to stop the spread of this horrible disease. I have sad news to report. I received the obituary of **Mark Alan Kaufki**. Mark passed away on May 1, 2020. He grew up in Asbury Park, N.J. Mark spent his summers as a golf caddy, counselor, and lifeguard. Mark, after graduating from Gettysburg with a psychology major, went on to Temple U to earn a doctorate in psychology. Mark is survived by his wife, Elizabeth, and his daughter and her husband, Alice and Michael Walsh. Our condolences to his family.

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## '65

The story of the past months of our class is like everyone's stories. Our Reunion was postponed. Trips were not taken. Celebrations were muted. Our alma mater struggled. And no one sent news for this column—probably because individual stories were but mirrors of the larger story. Sadly, in my mind, because of this magazine's new and different print schedule, it will be many months before any news that I receive will be widely shared. But don't let that change stop you from sending me news about your grandchildren's accomplishments, your own third retirement, your heartache after winds and fires, or your long-marriage celebrations. We were all friends once, and many have managed to keep those friendships alive. Please send me whatever you have, because I (and many others) look forward to hearing from you. Continue our class record by sending a large check to the Annual Fund!

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## '66

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

**Dr. Chuck Weiner** recently retired from his radiology practice in Baltimore, Md. He joined the practice in 1975 and had been there for 45 years, helping it grow into the largest radiology practices in the United States with 103 partners, all in Maryland. He has been married for 51 years, and he and his wife, Ilene, have three daughters, all in Maryland, and six grandchildren. Chuck and his wife plan to do more traveling and continue to dote on the grandkids, who range from 10 to 18 years old. **Jim McLaughlin** and his wife have moved to a retirement community in Sugar Land, Texas. They sold their 5.3-acre property, which included a pond with

a resident 5-foot-long alligator. Jim still prepares tax returns, maintains financial records for several small business clients, and teaches online classes. **Fred Martin** and his wife still live in N.J. and recently had lunch with **Roy Allen** and his wife. **Gerry Lambrecht** and his wife live in California. The recent fires are some distance from their home, but the heat is still excessive, and the air quality is very poor, making it difficult to stay outside for any period of time. The 55th Reunion Weekend for our class is scheduled for June 3–6, 2021. Mark your calendars. I hope to see some of you there. Also, please share some of your pandemic experiences to help fill this column.

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## '67

I talked with **Dick Hughey** and received the following concerning Media, Pa., and Gettysburg lawyers. Media, Pa., is the county seat for Delaware County and is well-positioned close to Philadelphia to the east and Longwood Gardens and the Brandywine River Museum of Art to the west. It was the first fair trade town in America, has a trolley running down State Street, and has many fine restaurants and unique shops. It also has a magnificent courthouse where several Gettysburgians have practiced their trade for many years. There must be something in the drinking water because several G'burg grads have had lengthy careers. Norm Haase '65 just retired after more than 50 years of trial work, and Dick and **Larry Strohm** are now in their 50th year. Dick and Larry saw Bob Geller '66 recently, and Bob just retired. Kris Frieberg Hughey '68, after teaching French and getting her master's degree in French literature, succumbed to the charm of Media and has been practicing law for more than 40 years. Howard (Bud) Gallagher '71 and Bill Neill '87 also visit the historic courtrooms. If you get a chance to visit "Everybody's Hometown," give Dick a call for a tour and be sure to drink

the water! The following is a press release out of Media, Pa., sent to me by **Chuck Widger**: Elwyn, the internationally recognized nonprofit human service organization, received conditional use approval from Upper Providence Township last week to open a premier, innovative residential program in Media: Clark's Manor. Set in a tranquil, tree-lined neighborhood, this beautiful and comfortable residence is a supportive, therapeutic, home-like family setting for adults with chronic mental illness who are stable and invested in their treatment and programming. Chuck and Barbara Widger created the concept for Clark's Manor, which is modeled after a similar program in suburban Boston. Clark's Manor is named for their son Clark, who is the first resident in the home. "We have been developing Clark's Manor for some time in order to bring Clark home and to benefit other people with chronic mental illness. We understand that families want to know their adult children are safe and will have support during their lifetime. Clark's Manor will be the first of its kind in the tristate area. Based on a successful 40-year-old program in suburban Boston, this supportive and therapeutic milieu program operates on the philosophy that home is a safe haven. All residents will be protected and secure, while receiving exceptional care," said Chuck Widger. The Widgers chose Elwyn to operate Clark's Manor because of its philosophy that individuals have the greatest chance to realize their potential when given the necessary supports. As a private, contemporary, and nurturing program, Clark's Manor is designed as a healing home setting for eight residents to receive collaborative behavioral and mental health supports including access to care, connections to the community, activities, consistent encouragement, and programs to promote overall wellness. "Chuck and Barbara exemplify and embody Elwyn's core values. We are exceptionally grateful for their generous commitment to Elwyn, to the community, and to improving outcomes for adults with chronic mental illness," said Chuck McLister, Elwyn's president and CEO.

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## '68

**Sandy Zulauf** retired after 44 years of teaching at County College of Morris (N.J.) and was awarded professor emeritus status, plus he also received the Albert Nelson Marquis Lifetime Achievement Award. He keeps writing and has new poems in *Exit 13 Magazine*, *LIPS*, *Journal of New Jersey Poets*, and *U.S. 1 Worksheets*. His wife, Madeline, had two photographic works in a juried exhibition at The National Arts Club in Washington, D.C., in December 2019. I was lucky to have a long conversation with **Karen Niskanen Jones**, who was with us for our freshman and sophomore years. She still works and lives in Maine, and I am sure that she keeps the local library going since she has been a librarian there for 32 years. She sent greetings to all her G'burg friends. That "reunioning" group of **Lennie Wright**, **Bollinger**, **Cynthia Johnston Dokmo**, **Carol Houck Jarvis**, **Linda Lopardo**, and **Joanne Robson** managed to meet up in style again in Rye, N.H., at Cynthia's beach house in the pre-pandemic days. Linda and Joanne first flew into Washington, D.C., to spend an evening with Carol, aka "The Housewife of the Potomac." In N.H., they enjoyed chatting, seafood, and touring Star Island, where an unsolved murder in the 1800s was made into "The Weight of Water" with Sean Penn. Carol then changed hats into a chauffeur and drove them all to Philadelphia to meet up with **Dave Fischer** and another tour. I am sad to report the death in April 2020 of **Eric Hildebrand**. After G'burg, Eric went to Brooklyn Law School and then worked as a defense attorney for legal aid in Brooklyn, N.Y. I also must report the death of **Alan Keith** in October 2019. After graduating from Duke Law School, he practiced as a real estate attorney in Pittsburgh, and then in

Kansas City, MO. We grieve with their families.

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## '69

The pandemic of 2020 has made this year one of the most frightening that I suspect any of us, and the world, have ever known. I sincerely hope that all of our classmates, their families, and their friends are safe and well. There is a dearth of news from our class, as in almost none, but there is some good news to share: 116 members of the Class of '69 contributed a total of \$218,055 to the College between June 1, 2019 and May 31, 2020. Congrats to us. Although I haven't received notices from the Office of Alumni Relations, I know that many of us lost a dear friend and classmate early in the year: **Fred Vogel** passed away with his wife **Barb Wold Vogel** and family by his side on Jan. 27, 2020. His battle with pulmonary fibrosis is over.

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## 1970

I hope everyone has remained in good health and relatively sane during these challenging times. Being an only child, I've always been able to keep myself occupied and entertained. Thanks to the classmates who emailed me! **Jim Yonai** wrote that he and his wife, Bobbi Campbell '73, were coronavirus refugees at Bobbi's sister and brother-in-law's house in Palm Coast, Fla., back in April 2020. Jim and Bobbi had been wintering

on Sanibel, Fla., since they both retired seven years ago. They returned home to Syracuse, N.Y., in mid-May 2020. Jim wrote that he and four other Alpha Tau Omega brothers were able to put together a gathering and met for lunch in Venice, Fla., back in February 2020. Venice was chosen because it was a central meeting spot for the guys. Those in attendance were **Tom and Mary Ann McFaul Bonos**, **Greg Frantz** and his wife Karen, **Frank Kaplan** and his wife Joan, and **Bob Suter** and his partner Ellen. Jim said that some of the brothers had been meeting during the past six years, but this gathering was the first time that they'd all been together since graduation. Jim has his PhD in counseling psychology and is retired from being a Certified Rehabilitation Counselor. He also included three pages of his life history, but I'll save that for a later column. Thanks so much for writing! **George Felder** was another new classmate to write to me. George said he spent his entire career at the surgery department in the Penn State Health Milton S. Hershey Medical Center. He worked for a GI surgeon for his first 10 years and then a CT surgeon for the next 26 years. He and the people he worked with performed work on artificial hearts and ventricle assist devices. The physicians he collaborated with convinced him to get his MS in polymer science at PSU. He took one course at a time, driving from Hershey to State College three times a week (a five-hour round trip). He got his MS in 1993. At that point, George was director of fabrication, an area which makes every part of the artificial hearts. He retired in 2006. George said he was originally in the Class of '68 but took a "hiatus" with the U.S. Marines and served two years of active duty in the Parris Island and Quantico field bands. While at Hershey Medical Center, George continued to play his bass trombone as a "side gig" and also had a 20-year career with the Harrisburg Symphony Orchestra and played with the PA Air National Guard Band, the 553rd,

out of Middletown, Pa. He presently plays in a summer band (the Perseverance Band of Lebanon) and a local orchestra (Central PA Symphony). George and his wife live in Annville, Pa. He mentioned a few classmates whom he has emailed recently: **Mike Craig**, **Jeff Maizon**, **Mick Gette**, and **Bill and Ann Laubach Walker**. He didn't include much information about them, hoping that they would write to me themselves. Come on, please write! I hope everyone stays safe and well so we can all come to our 50th and 51st Reunions in June!

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## '71

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

It's wonderful to hear from so many folks. **Steve Adleberg** wrote, "I just finished reading your class notes. After reading about The Nicholas MacElree Book Scholarship Fund, I was transported back more than 50 years to my freshman year at G'burg when I met Nick. We became fast friends when I helped manage his successful campaign for class president. His subsequent illness and passing the following year were an immense loss for his family, G'burg, and to me personally. I plan to contribute to The Nicholas MacElree Memorial Fund and hope his memory will be for a blessing (for us all). I spent nearly 50 years in the field of education (and am just retired)—36 years as a teacher and principal in Fairfax County Public Schools and the last 14 years in Jewish communal education (as head of school, religious school director, and Metro D.C. education outreach director). After teaching all the elementary grade levels during my first five years in the classroom, I returned to grad school at

UVA, receiving my PhD in educational psychology with a minor in administration in 1983. It's also where I met my wife, Randi, and we've been together for almost 37 years. We have two beautiful daughters, one of whom was married this past September. Please convey my best to my former classmates and friends, and I pray for their good health during this horrible pandemic." **Jody Soellner Hoffman** shared the following: "I am married to Larry Hoffman, a licensed PE and architect in New Jersey, and we live in New Jersey and Vermont (mostly Vermont right now). I graduated from U of Maryland Francis King Carey School of Law and was admitted to the bar in Maryland and New Jersey. I 'retired' from practicing law to raise our two wonderful daughters. Our older daughter lives outside of Columbus, Ohio, and is mom to our three beautiful grandchildren. Our younger daughter is the senior marketing manager of the young readers' division at a major publisher in New York and joins us many weekends at the New Jersey shore and in Vermont. I work part time at Bromley Mountain in Vermont in the winter and the rest of the year part time at Bookends, a fantastic independent bookstore in Ridgewood, N.J., which hosts many celebrity book signings. Thanks to social media, I'm now happily in touch with several of our G'burg classmates. We also frequently see Chuck Johnson '74 and his wife Sara both in New Jersey and in Lavallette Beach. I'm really looking forward to Reunion and to catching up on 50 years of happenings! In the meantime, everyone please stay safe!" **Jo Landfair** also sent a note: "It's mid-spring in Arizona, so we've only had a few 100+ degree days so far. I'm still serving as a judge pro tempore for Avondale City Court, a small town a dozen miles from where I live in Laveen. I've had very little work there recently as very few people are being arrested because of the COVID-19 pandemic. Right before the stay-at-home order began, filming was completed on the second Arizona independent feature film that I've been in during the past year, playing the same detective in both films ([imdb.com](#): Gianna Francesca Giorgio). My Italian husband, actor, and singer Ciro ([imdb.com](#): Ciro Giorgio) had his first role in an American

film as a taxi driver and assassin. Our house was the set for several scenes in the last film. The shoot was timed for when my daughter, a gifted resource teacher who teaches online now; her husband, a loss prevention agent at the nearby Target distribution center; and my 13-year-old grandson and 10-year-old granddaughter were to be on a Mexican cruise. Because of the coronavirus, they ended up going to Yosemite. I really miss the nonvirtual social interactions I had BC (before COVID-19) more than I thought I would. I really hope we'll be able to have our 50th Reunion on campus." **Bruce Stefany** wrote: "Betsy and I celebrated our 50th wedding anniversary in June 2020. She had just graduated from Hollins and, with I'm sure mixed parental emotions, had our wedding in Sudbury at the Martha-Mary Chapel with my classmates **John Sully** and **Carey Johnson** in the wedding party. We lived at 20 N. Washington my senior year, and Bets worked at the front desk of what was then Schmucker Library (now Musselman Library)." Happy anniversary to Bruce and Betsy and to all classmates celebrating this milestone! And one more for good measure—**Tom Benner** wrote: "I had a 30-year career as a life insurance financial reporting actuary for four different companies in Maryland and Indiana before retiring and entering law school. After graduation, I practiced immigration law for 11 years, retiring for good in 2017. My wife, Emily Wiggin '72 Benner, retired in 2012 after 24 years as a first- and second-grade teacher: nine in the Baltimore area and another 15 after we moved to the Indianapolis area in 1996. For four of those years in Indiana, she was the president of her local teachers union. We have both been human rights activists with Amnesty International since 1987, and after my retirement, we returned east (Martinsburg, W.Va.) to be closer to our new grandson, born in 2017 (he has since acquired a baby brother). Our son and his family live in Columbia, Md., and our daughter, who was in high school when we moved to Indiana, has remained in the Hoosier State. Over the years, we have done a lot of traveling, to 16 countries and all 50 states, with the most memorable circling the globe by flying to Beijing, riding trains

west through Mongolia to Moscow, and then coming back home." Our 50th Reunion Committee is getting started, so be on the lookout for communications and plans. It is my sincere hope that all of us and our families stay safe and well. We all look forward to being able to share hugs again, especially at the Reunion.

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**'72**

It is my hope that this note finds you well. This time of coronavirus and heightened awareness of the meaning of justice has given the world a pause to think how we have lived and to decide how we will go forward. May we use this time to welcome new ideas and open our hearts and minds to all those with whom we share this planet. **Bob Weger** shared that after 44 years in dental practice, in Morris Township, N.J., he sold his practice. He's now semiretired and enjoying his newfound freedom. We remember today **Philip Jaymes Minnich**, who died peacefully on July 10, 2020. He leaves behind his wife, Ann Elizabeth, whom he married in 1978. After Gettysburg, Phil got his master's degree from Shippensburg U. He worked in inventory control for several companies in the York, Pa., area, including the American Chain & Cable, Stewart Connector, and Engman-Taylor. Phil was an avid sports enthusiast. He enjoyed watching York Suburban football games and was the statistician for the Gettysburg College basketball team. He enjoyed playing baseball and basketball in the York Area Church League. Most of all, Phil enjoyed spending time with family and friends. We will miss Phil. Georgene Abel '73 and I enjoy our retirement with the ability to devote our time to new activities at reduced stress levels. I hope many of you are also finding the joy of retirement as you begin a new stage in your life.

Or, maybe you're still enjoying a career you love. Either way, please write to let us all know what you're up to.

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**'73**

Dear classmates, the following obituary is for our classmate, the Honorable **Mark I. Shames**: Mark passed away peacefully on July 9, 2020, at his home in St. Petersburg, Fla., surrounded by his family. He was a faithful husband to **Barbara '71** for 48 years, loving father to Elizabeth and Megan (Richard), and proud grandfather to Isabella, Rocco, Giuliana, and Gracie. He is survived by his mother, Reba, and his sister, Amy (Luger). He was predeceased by his father, Morris, and his sister, Rana. Mark loved the outdoors, fishing, the North Carolina mountains, and traveling to Italy where he learned to speak Italian. Mark was born in Floral Park, N.Y. He grew up in Westfield, N.J., and earned his BA in religion from Gettysburg College, where he was a member of Phi Delta Theta fraternity. Mark earned his JD from Stetson U College of Law in 1976 and began his practice of law in St. Petersburg. In 1996, Mark was elected a circuit judge for the 6th Judicial Circuit of Florida, where he sat on the bench for 21 years. He presided over cases in the family law, probate and guardianship, civil law, and criminal law divisions. In 2011, Mark was awarded the Judicial Appreciation Award from the St. Petersburg Bar Association recognizing his excellence in the courtroom. In 2019, the St. Petersburg Police Department created the Judge Mark I. Shames Rookie of the Year Award to recognize Mark's dedication and guidance that he provided to a generation of new police officers. Mark spent 41 years serving his local and state communities. Over the years, Mark

became involved in and took leadership roles in numerous civic and community activities. He felt a responsibility to make our community a better place to live. His chamber of commerce activities included Leadership St. Pete, the Community Alliance, and the Small Business Council. He was a member of the St. Petersburg Community Planning and Preservation Commission, the first St. Petersburg Historic Preservation Commission, the Civilian Police Review Committee for the St. Petersburg Police Department, Suncoast Tiger Bay Club, Kiwanis Club of St. Petersburg, and Suncoasters. Mark's professional activities included serving as president of the St. Petersburg Bar Association, president of the Pinellas County Trial Lawyers Association, and a speaker at numerous Stetson U College of Law, St. Petersburg Bar Association, and Florida Bar programs. Mark was passionate about the law and felt a great responsibility to his civic duty in serving his community. To that end, he became very involved in a number of judicial activities around the state of Florida. His proudest by far was serving the Florida Judicial College as a faculty member, associate dean, and eventually dean of the college from 2013 to 2015. In addition, he served as criminal law and family law department head of the Florida College of Advanced Judicial Studies, executive committee member of the Florida Conference of Circuit Judges, vice chair of Florida Court Educational Council, and chair of the Florida Bar Grievance Committee. In Mark's honor, donations may be made to the Mark Shames Scholarship Fund at Gettysburg College. When Mark and I were freshmen in Rice Hall, he and his family welcomed me to their home for a weekend visit. We can remember his great smile and he always enjoyed when I addressed him with a Boston accent as "Maak." He is missed by so many, and we have been enriched to have been in his class. Keep sending your updates, and I will include your news in the next issue!

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 **Gettysburg College Class of 1973**

**'74**

As I write this column, a few friends and I were reminiscing today that 50 years ago, we began our freshman year at Gettysburg—hard to believe. I still remember the talent show we had in the CUB. **Rick LaVanture** was amazing as he sang memorable songs performed at Woodstock just one year before.

**June Backus Griffiths** lived across the hall from me on the third floor of Huber. She met her husband, Eldon, 45 years ago when she was a bridesmaid at **Charlet Frisk Key's** wedding in Killingly, Conn. Living for 35 years in the house Eldon built, they have two daughters—one a biochemist in Vermont and the other working in an executive search firm in Worcester, Mass. For 21 years, June has worked at a local elementary school helping third and fourth graders with reading comprehension and writing. During the pandemic, she has learned computer skills to help the kids, using Zoom and Google Docs. She still sews on the heavy Singer sewing machine she had at Huber and has been making masks.

**Nancy Frock Oberholtzer** lives in Stockton, Calif., and like many of us, has been home since March 15, 2020. Until that time, she was substitute teaching. Her three children were with her in the spring, including James, who is a golf pro at Castle Pines Golf Club in Colorado; John, who lives and works in San Jose, Calif.; and Katie, who lives in Stockton, Calif. Nancy and her husband David were planning a trip back east to Pennsylvania last spring that was canceled due to the virus. A native of Pennsylvania, **Sue Bloomfield Pretulak** loves living in

Spartanburg in upstate S.C., which she has called home since 1991. (I hope she will connect with **Barb White McInerney**, who lives nearby.) Hired by the SC Technical College System, Sue was an area director for an economic development incentive program, readySC, for many years. She was the only woman in the division, and BMW had just located its first assembly operation in Spartanburg County. Her job took her all over the world, and her three sons took her to every soccer field in a six-state area! She recently retired as the vice president of economic development, having worked with startups including Volvo, Mercedes-Benz Vans, Boeing, Bridgestone, and Continental Tires. Now, she enjoys four grandchildren and playing some golf (with apologies for her game to Mrs. Bowers, she says). She recognizes that a BA in English is not a typical path to economic development, but her education gave her a solid foundation upon which she built a career.

**Ginger Smith Equi** retired after 46 years in retail. She and her husband Ray (also retired) live in their “forever home” in Seven Lakes near Pinehurst, N.C. Ginger enjoys cycling and visiting family, and she was able to spend two glorious weeks in New England last summer, away from the hot weather in North Carolina; her daughter lives in Vermont. Her son’s October wedding in Mexico has been rescheduled for April. **Carolyn Hand McGarvie** is expecting her sixth grandson in February 2021. She and Paul have three daughters, and all the grands are boys. My news is that my son, Peter, and his wife, Kaela, had their first child, a girl, in London where they lived for three years. They returned to the U.S. in July 2019, settling in Montclair, N.J. For this column, I reached out to a number of classmates, and happily, several responded. For future columns, I will do the same, so if you see an email from me in your inbox, I hope you’ll send me an update on you and your family. Stay well, everyone!

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## '75

I received a welcome email from **Keith Schmidt** in the spring of the crazy 2020 year. Keith reported that he retired in April 2019 and has never looked back. He wrote that he appreciates life more now than ever and is so very thankful for being able to spend quality and quantity time with his two precious daughters and his grandson. Keith and his wife called Richmond, Va., home for the last 14 years, but by now, they should be settled in their condo in Indian Beach, N.C. (He commented with a laugh, “Gosh, condo living...are we really that old?”) Like many of us, Keith has reconnected with some Gettysburg friends via Facebook. The only Gettysburg alumni he has been lucky enough to see from time to time are Bill Heyman ’74; Jim Margolin ’74, his freshman and sophomore year roommate; **Courtney Palmer**; and his longtime golfing partner Paul Nix ’74. Gettysburg College, Keith recalled, will always be remembered as some of the best days of his life, filled with ups and downs that molded him (along with his parents) into the person he is today. I am writing this column in September of what has been a challenging 2020 for everyone. My hope and prayers are that the future will be looking brighter when you read this column in 2021. Last week, we left our home turf for the first time since March and spent a “relatively” quiet week with our 2 ½-year-old grandson at an Airbnb in rural Lancaster County, Pa. An open-air train ride behind a steam engine, along with myriad encounters with horse and buggies, were new and fun experiences for him. On the way, we drove back roads through Maryland into Gettysburg. A slow cruise through campus found it expanded, of course, but just as beautiful as it was when I first stopped at Paul Hall in 1971!

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## '76 ◉

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

In April 2020, **John Stidman** shared that he has spent the past 41 years serving the Worcester County Board of Education, located in Worcester County, Md., as a Nationally Certified School Psychologist. He planned to retire June 30 and is looking forward to spending quality time with his four Chihuahuas and his wife Carol, riding his Harley, entering his sports cars in shows, and relaxing at their summer house on the Piankatank River in Tidewater, Va. They reside in Salisbury, Md. John wanted to give a large shoutout to William V. Gore ’69, who greatly advanced his career at the beginning. **Rev. A. Wallace Anderson**, retired from 38 years of pastoral ministry, sends his greetings from Buckeye country. He and his wife will be celebrating their 41st anniversary and have lived in Malvern, Ohio, since 1989. I am going to move to the first person to express Wally’s message in his own words. “In 2012, I took a second half-time call to St. James Lutheran Church (ELCA) in ‘Tusky’ (Tuscarawas), Ohio. St. Martin Lutheran (ELCA) lost two-thirds of its congregation in 2010 after the 2009 ELCA decision to ordain practicing homosexuals. From that time forward, the congregation continued to dwindle as most mainline congregations did for one reason or another. When I went down to half time in 2012, the Synod linked me up with St. James, a congregation that had been a half-time parish for years. It was a delightful experience, wonderful people, and financial salvation for me. When the time came to celebrate St. Martin’s 75th anniversary in the current building (and St. James’ 150th anniversary in their original building!), we looked down the road and made some decisions. St. Martin would close for sure. In part, there are too many Lutheran churches in the area and too few Lutherans to support them all. In anticipation of that closure, we decided to turn the building over to Head Start (it seems no one is buying million-dollar church buildings anymore). Then the congregation asked if I would be interested in having the parsonage for my

own home after my retirement. It took a year to work things out, so I retired at 66 instead of 65. I still maintain my sixth year of presidency of the senior citizens group in Tusky." Wally and his wife have visited 29 countries and have discovered that people the world over are looking for many of the same things—peace, security, family, home, friends, food, daily work, and health. Their son received his PhD at OH State U in 2011, and their daughter is studying for her MBA at the UCLA Anderson School of Management.

**Peter Lewis Dewald** shared that he could not believe his luck. When he went scuba diving in The Grand Caymans and came upon the wreck of the Doc Paulson, he found a Gettysburg banner in the wheelhouse at 60 fsw (feet of sea water) below the surface. Later in 2020, while skiing with friends at Wolf Creek in Colorado, he found a Gettysburg banner at 12,000 feet. The flag seems to be everywhere. See pictures on page 62. And, as for me, I retired in June 2020, so on to other things. Take care. Stay healthy.

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## '77

In the last issue, I wrote "May 2020 bring you everything you wish for and more!" I apologize if I jinxed things! This past year has certainly been crazy, and our lives and world have changed in many ways we haven't wished for. My heart goes out to all of you. **Cheryl Meinschein Hausman** retired in 2020 as a Lutheran pastor after serving on the bishop's staff and as a pastor in Berks County, Pa. She is now finishing up her paralegal certification so she can volunteer with local nonprofits in that capacity. I'm saddened to share the news of the loss of two of our classmates. **Maureen Relle Schandert** died on April 8, 2020, after a long battle with Stage IV

breast cancer. After college, Maureen received a physician assistant degree from Essex Community College and worked at her father's family medical practice in Baltimore. She met her husband, Rainer, on a ski trip to Sun Valley, Idaho. In 1980, they married, and she moved to Charlottesville, Va., and worked as a medical transcriptionist. In 1986, they moved to Hampton Township, N.J., and she was a stay-at-home mom for her children, Alexander and Laura. In 1992, the family moved to Raleigh, N.C., where Maureen was PTA president and a preschool teacher. Eventually, she again worked as a medical transcriptionist and did so up until February 2020. She was an avid member of her church and among her many passions were teaching Sunday school, Bible study, sewing, quilting, skiing, genealogy, gardening, and spending time with her dogs.

**Janet Rebuck Moran** died suddenly on April 29, 2020, at her Collegeville, Pa., home. Janet was an admissions counselor for Centenary U and later an associated dean of admissions for Harcum College and Worcester Polytechnic Institute. She received her master's degree from MI State U. After raising her family, she worked for the Perkiomen Valley School District and SEI Corp. She was a youth leader for her church and supported The Village Norristown mission. She is survived by her husband, Christopher; her sons, Steven, Peter, and David; and her brother, David Rebuck '74.

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## '78

As I write this column, we are six months into the COVID-19 pandemic. By the time you read this, it will be almost a year. How much has your life changed during this period? I know mine has, and I can

describe it in one word—slower. I thought that wouldn't happen until we got old—but then again, the Class of '78 is now signing up for Medicare! In May 2020, I heard from **Max Knoecklein**, who had just retired after 29 years of teaching special education, most recently at Oswego High School in Illinois. Max and his wife, Mary, retired to Ozaukee County, Wis. Congratulations, Max! On a sadder note, I also heard that our classmate **Leslie Keating Deutch** passed away in May 2020 from complications due to pancreatic cancer. Leslie, who married her hometown boyfriend, Fred, in 1981, was a physical education teacher in Vernon, N.J., for 26 years before retiring in 2016. Leslie and Fred had three sons and two grandsons. Some of you may remember Leslie as a member of the Gettysburg College tennis team and bowling team.

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## '79

**Mike McArdle** reports that he enjoys his retirement—both from full-time work and senior advisory consulting on political campaigns that catch his eye! **Patti Chambers** retired from medicine six years ago and moved to Bangor, Maine, with her husband Scott and their youngest daughter, Shelby Deron '22. They enjoy hiking, fishing, boating, and snowshoeing there, and **Barb Monaghan** has been a frequent visitor. After a remarkable summer of golfing, **Jack Duffy** won the Ocean Edge Men's Golf Association (OEMGA) 2020 Player of the Year Award! He earned participation points in all seven OEMGA events this year, won the two-day Member/Member in July, and the "666" Member/Member in August, finished second in the summer-

long Nahass match play tournament and capped his year off with a second-place finish in the season-ending Stableford tournament. **Teena Stewart Mowery** and her husband Hal took their boat to Hilton Head Island for the entire month of August. While there, they had a little reunion with **Mary Lou Wilson Haraburd** and her husband Doug, and **Tom** and Libby Pense '78 **Palmer**. While the Haraburds live on the island and the Palmers vacation there during most summers, Teena, Mary Lou, and Libby had not been in touch or seen each other since graduation! **Frank Valente** has served as CEO of the Humane Society of the Treasure Coast since 2007. The no-kill nonprofit just built and opened the Jane and Shirley Wurz Training Center to serve as a full-service obedience and agility training facility. Helping pet owners learn humane methods for solving pets' behavioral issues is an effective way to keep pets from entering shelters in the first place. Frank also serves as a director for three other nonprofits. His wife Julia keeps busy as a professional in health and human services.

**Larry Snyder and Kay Patton Snyder** both still work full time; head to the beach in Ocean City, Md., on most weekends; and play a little golf now and then. Larry hopes things will "get back to normal soon" so that he can visit with his Lambda Chi fraternity brothers for their annual golf outing. **Rick Rubio** and **Brian Skarda** have had a few adventures this year, including a 44th anniversary Killington, Vt., ski trip in March and a Great Bear Golf Outing in August. Probably the most notable thing that happened this year affected all of us, changing the way we work, socialize, vacation, visit with extended family, and care for elders—the pandemic caused by COVID-19. I found myself on my spring break in March, abruptly preparing to make the switch to online teaching.

**Karen Beveridge Montagnese** and her husband Nick have chaired the New York VisionWalk supporting the Foundation Fighting Blindness for 14 years without interruption. Because of COVID-19, the April 11 walk through Central Park was not held. Instead, it became part of a nationwide virtual walk for the cause in June. **Bill Butler** married his longtime partner,

John Garcia, in a quiet borough hall ceremony in Haddon Heights, N.J. The mayor, who performed the ceremony, was a bit nervous, having never married anyone before. Finally, I'm immensely sad to report the passing of classmate **Pat Barnes** on Sept. 25 after a challenging 15 months of pancreatic cancer. Pat's siblings, his son Jimmy '20 and his nephew Kenny '20, are all also G'burg alums. As I write this column, I hope that you and your loved ones are well.

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**'81**

**40<sup>th</sup> REUNION YEAR**

Hello, Class of '81 Classmates! I hope you have all been safe, happy, and healthy since I last wrote. My mailbox has been empty, so I have no news to report at this time. I'm hoping that as you read this in February, you may be thinking ahead to our 40th Reunion this year. Wow, has it really been 40 years? Hoping to see you at some of the Reunion festivities and catch up. Please consider taking time to contact me with some news. We would all love to hear from you. Be well.

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**'82**

Ugh. What a year. With every event and gathering since March 2020 having been

canceled, there isn't too much to write about here. However, I do have two especially sad pieces of news to pass along. I received word about the loss of

**Richard Goldfarb**, who passed away at

Hospice of the Piedmont in February

2020. Rich lived in Summerfield, N.C.,

and was a member of Phi Psi fraternity

while at Gettysburg. Our sincere

condolences go out to Rich's wife,

Cynthia. Also, **Nancy Litchfield Hicks**

passed away on Aug. 2, 2020 at her home

following a courageous six-year struggle

with the neurological disease Progressive

Supranuclear Palsy (PSP). Nancy and her

husband Hal were happily married for

nearly 35 years; she is also survived by her

sons Josh, Matthew, and Billy; daughter-

in-law Jess; granddaughter Zoey; and her

sister Linn. After Gettysburg, Nancy

attended U of Richmond School of Law

and then practiced law for a decade in

Richmond, N.Y., and Washington, D.C.

Nancy left the legal profession in 1995

to spend more time with her children.

As her family shared in her obituary (and

the many friends I've heard from will

agree): "There was never a person with a

heart as pure or a smile as warm as Nancy.

Her pride and joy were her family, whom

she loved more than any of them

deserved." In lieu of flowers, the family

suggests that donations be made to

CurePSP ([psp.org](http://psp.org)). I hope with all my

heart that 2021 will bring news that we'll

all want to hear again. Until next time—

be safe and be well, friends.

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**'83 ◉**

Hello, classmates. So much has changed since my last note in December 2019.

Today is Sept. 13, 2020. Thanks to

**Kim Harris Cuneo**, whose email I

unfortunately received shortly after the

last deadline. Way back then, Kim wrote

that she and **Cynthia Nowicki**, Jennifer

Harris Jacobus '87, and Kathy Kennedy '88

worked with a group to raise money for

two local charities—Harbor House, a safe place for teens in unstable homes, and Contact, a 24-hour hotline. They host events to bring in funding and have exceeded \$1 million in giving over the years. I hope they continue to find alternative ways to fund these noble causes now that so much of our world is virtual. Kim retired three years ago and embarked on an educational mission to Chiapas, Mexico, to teach leadership in educational strategies to teachers in churches. Learning in a remote village Sunday school may be the only educational opportunity some children get. The vibrant, enthusiastic people taught her more than she could have imagined. She had hoped to go to a similar educational conference in Honduras and encourages anyone who has the chance to explore opportunities like that. Kim and **Dawn Konyhas Sullivan** recently attended their 40th high school reunion. Dawn is also a retired educator, and they were trying to explore new things but found themselves at the beach a lot. Nothing wrong with that in my book—as I prepare to head to LBI for a week tomorrow. **MaryPat Mielach** married Scott Kinney about a year ago. Her wedding festival was one of the most unique and fun receptions I have ever attended—and the lobster roll from one of several food trucks was amazing. It was great to catch up with so many alumni—Flozo, Hil, Roz (and Roger), Jeff, Kaysie, and Kari. Forgive me if I forgot anyone. **Tony Pierce** wrote and lives in Athens, Ga., but travels to Savannah often. His daughter was graduating from law school; his oldest son got his MBA in Brazil and retired as a U.S. Army captain. His son Jordan played football at the U.S. Air Force Academy and is a captain stationed in England. Tony dove into acting and was on the set with Michael Caine, Tyler Perry, Queen Latifah, Forest Whitaker, and The Rock. How cool is that? His parting comment was that he's learned that you cannot control the wind, but you can adjust your sails—seems very

fitting these days. It has been really wonderful to hear from those of you who have thoughtfully reached out over the years—and thanks to my dear friends who put up with me writing about them. I've enjoyed my time, but this is my last column. Please email [classnotes@gettysburg.edu](mailto:classnotes@gettysburg.edu) if you're willing to write two columns a year. Here are big virtual hugs to you all.

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## '86

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

Dear Class of 1986, once again, I am writing this entry with a heavy heart. We lost our dear classmate, **Lisa Marino Hafer**, to cancer on April 15, 2020. Lisa was an amazing woman, with a heart of gold and a wonderful sense of humor. She fought this courageous battle with poise and grace every step of the way. She leaves behind her husband Brad and three sons: Clayton, Justin, and Nolan. Lisa majored in English at Gettysburg and was a beloved member of Gamma Phi

Beta sorority. She had a successful career in media and marketing, working at *GBH Magazine*, TVSM, FX Networks, and ITSMA. In addition to spending time with her family, Lisa was very passionate about supporting her community of Bedford, Mass. She volunteered in the Bedford Public Schools, at St. Paul's Episcopal Church, the Dempsey Center, and was a member of the "Women of Steel" team. In her spare time, Lisa loved to boat, hike, and ski—traveling to many beautiful places to enjoy these activities with her family. Lisa was an avid reader, movie, TV, and fitness buff. However, Lisa's favorite activities, by far, were cheering on her boys at their various events and caring for her family. Lisa possessed an incredible spirit, and she left a lasting impact on everyone with whom she connected. She is gone far too soon and will be missed by all who were lucky enough to have known her, particularly her family, close friends, and our Gettysburg College community. As I conclude this column, we are still in the midst of battling COVID-19 and winding down a year that is unlike anything our generation has ever experienced. I wish you all the strength to continue this fight, good health, and the continued love of your friends and family—all of which will help us to continue to meet these challenges.

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## '88

I hope this column finds everyone safe and well. Times have certainly changed since we were students at Gettysburg. Virtual what? We can only hope the students come out of this time with the same experience and love of Gettysburg that we do. **Rich Hammel** spent six days in June 2020 with a childhood friend cycling the C&O Canal towpath and the Great Allegheny Passage in Maryland and Pennsylvania. They started at Rich's house in Leesburg, Va.; crossed the Potomac River at White's Ferry, Md.; got on the C&O Canal towpath; and took it to the end in Cumberland, Md. The Great Allegheny Passage begins in Cumberland, and they rode through that passage to Pittsburgh. They had a bicycle ride of more than 300 miles in six days staying in inns, motels, and hostels along the way. It was a great way to start the summer! Rich finished his 20th year teaching for Loudoun County Public Schools in Virginia. In July 2020, he and his wife Kate celebrated their 29th wedding anniversary. Rich has also hosted several virtual gatherings with **Jeff Blavatt**, Jason Blavatt '90, **John Herweh**, and **Steve Eck**. **Kristin Brill** joined the medical staff of Abington Hospital – Jefferson Health to care for patients with benign and malignant breast disease at the Asplundh Cancer Pavilion in Willow Grove, Pa. She has also assumed the position of Enterprise Director of Breast Oncology for the Sidney Kimmel Cancer Center – Jefferson Health. She will be responsible for overseeing the breast surgery programs at all Jefferson Health hospitals across the region. Kristin obtained her medical degree from Hahnemann U School of Medicine in Philadelphia. She completed her internship and her surgical residency at NY-Presbyterian Brooklyn Methodist Hospital in Brooklyn, N.Y., and a breast surgical oncology fellowship at Columbia Presbyterian Medical Center in New York. Kristin has been routinely named a "Top Doc" by *Philadelphia Magazine* and numerous NJ publications. She is a Fellow of the American College of Surgeons, is a member of the American Society of Clinical Oncology, The American Society of Breast Surgeons, and the Society of

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## '89

Hello, Class of 1989! I hope you and your families are all healthy and well during these incredibly trying times with COVID-19. My thoughts, prayers, and well wishes go out to each and every one of you. I would have thought that the extra time around home with the pandemic would have been a great time to think about sending some class news to me to publish in this issue, but not so much: #lackofgburgquarantine news. We did have a few classmates send some information directly to the school which they have shared with me. **Kevin Smith** was named to the *Forbes* 2020 Best-in-State Wealth Advisors List in January 2020. Kevin is an Executive Vice President – Wealth Management with Janney Montgomery Scott LLC ("Janney"), one of the nation's largest regional full-service financial services firms. Timothy Scheve, president and chief executive officer, said, "Kevin represents the best of what our profession has to offer." Jerry Lombard, president, Private Client Group, added, "Congratulations to Kevin for receiving this prestigious recognition, which is a testament to his commitment to his profession and to his clients. Kevin represents the best of our industry. We are proud and honored to have Kevin as part of the Janney team. Please join me in congratulating him on this well-earned recognition." As our class salutatorian, we knew you would find incredible success. Congratulations, Kevin! **Chris Holt** owns Young Ones Records in Kutztown and was doing his part to make a difference for some local families during the pandemic. Check out his local news story, as well as the link to the fundraiser, by searching his name and "WFMZ-TV 69 News" in your search

engine. Great job, Chris. **Scott Robertson** submitted a letter to the Office of Alumni Relations with information about the organization where he has worked for the past eight years—Year Up. Year Up is dedicated to closing the "Opportunity Divide" that exists in the country between young adults of color and corporate America. Many classmates are involved with Year Up through philanthropy and donations, providing internships, hiring our graduates, mentoring, and volunteering. Scott also wanted to give a special shoutout to **Chip Rossi** for his involvement as a market leader with Bank of America. If anyone is interested, please check out [yearup.org](http://yearup.org) or contact Scott at [srobertson@yearup.org](mailto:srobertson@yearup.org). Thank you for these submissions, and I hope my email mailbox fills up with other class news. Be well and stay safe.

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## 1990

So much has changed since you read the spring column news, which would have been due by January or so. It was so good to see many of you on our Reunion Weekend Zoom happy hour, although it could never take the place of an actual gathering of our class. Our 30th Reunion is now scheduled for June 3–6, 2021. I hope you are all staying healthy and sane. **Chris Buck** recently checked in from Michigan. After a long run as vice president with Enterprise Rent-A-Car, with stints in several cities, he recently accepted the role of senior managing director and COO for a local commercial real estate firm. His wife, Martha Hentz '88, works with and advocates for public K-12 education; she recently earned her certificate as Master Gardener from MI State U. The Bucks' oldest son, Evan, is a sophomore at Butler U. Their younger son, Phill, is now a senior in high school and is hoping to attend college to study film production. The Bucks return to the East

regularly and visit family in Lancaster, Pa., and Rehoboth Beach, Del. Thanks for the news, Chris! For this section, I am grateful to good friend **Sean O'Leary** for this tribute: It is with deepest sorrow that we share the news of the peaceful passing of **David Sale** of natural causes, on April 6, 2020, at his home in south Florida. Dave appreciated his entire experience at G'burg and reminisced about it frequently.

While pursuing his political science major, he also enjoyed his days as a basketball player, then as an announcer for the team, and as a tour guide for the College. He loved memories of late-night poker games at Old Zentz, Derby Days, and beach parties at Sigma Chi. While at Gettysburg, he developed friendships that lasted throughout his lifetime. After graduating, Dave followed in his father's footsteps to become an attorney. He worked in the U.S. Attorney General's office and as an assistant state attorney in Broward County, and then he started his own private law practice in south Florida. While practicing law, Dave became well-known and was loved by many people. He maintained his passion for sports over the years and got great satisfaction from being a part-time high school basketball coach. Dave was a kind and compassionate person, touching the hearts of so many people. He had the ability to connect to those with whom he spoke and to always find common ground. Over the years, Dave stayed in touch with many G'burg friends, such as **Tenley Masters**, and their conversations continued without missing a beat. **Sean O'Leary**, **Steve Stavisky**, and Rob Brakeman '91 continued to see Dave for many years after graduating, either at Sebago Lake in Maine or at Dave's home in Florida, and their Sigma Chi brotherhood endured. Dave leaves this world far too early; he will be dearly missed by his friends and family. Stay well, my friends!

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## '92

The Class of '92 is incredibly saddened by the loss of one of our own, **Tim Walsh**, who battled colon cancer for three years before he passed away in September 2020. During his time at Gettysburg, Tim swam competitively for four years and was named captain of the swim team both his junior and senior years. Tim was a member of three Middle Atlantic Conference championship teams and a member of the 800-yard freestyle relay team that holds the Gettysburg record. After Gettysburg, Tim earned his master's degree from Quinnipiac U and went on to teach high school history at his alma mater. Tim was an avid adventurer and traveler who hiked, cycled, kayaked, and backpacked, but he enjoyed time with his family above everything. Tim lived an extraordinary life and leaves a remarkable legacy. Our condolences to his loved ones; his wife, Jill; and their daughters, Keela and Shaelyn.

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## '93

The news is sparse from the Class of '93. **Amy Duncan Tremblay** was recently married and moved from Boston to New Hampshire where she lives with her husband and adolescent stepchildren. She is the director of training for Sarepta

Therapeutics, a biotech firm with the only approved treatment for Duchenne muscular dystrophy. **Erin Tuttle Sonn** continues to man her yoga and mindfulness coaching business, Eat.YOGA.Drink, now offering a variety of interesting options including some online (including those she offers to all alums during the online college happy hour). Check out her website [eatyogadrink.com](http://eatyogadrink.com) for more details.

We now have several class members with their own children attending Gettysburg College, and our class sends our best wishes to both these children and all the current students as they navigate this difficult time both on campus and at home.

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## '96

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

**Melissa Curtin** wrote that she lives in Malibu, Calif. with her husband. After 17 years teaching third grade in Maryland

and Louisiana, she found work tutoring the children of celebrities in LA. She now travels the world for her travel and food writing work. Classmate **Bj Barto Lemaire** passed away in May 2020.

A service to celebrate her life was held last fall. If you have updates that you'd like to share in the magazine, let me know! Wishing you and your loved ones a safe and healthy year.

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**Meghan Smith**, an attorney for Kahan Kerensky Capossela, LLP, in Connecticut received the 2020 "40 Under 40" award from the *Hartford Business Journal*. This award recognizes professionals in the Greater Hartford area, excelling through leadership roles. Meghan joined Kahan Kerensky Capossela in 2015 and became partner in 2020. She works in the business department, focusing on commercial and residential real estate transactions, commercial and residential landlord tenant matters, business formation, and contract drafting, review, and negotiation. Meghan volunteers with the Connecticut Veterans Legal Center, providing legal assistance to veterans facing eviction.

She sits on the board of directors for the New England Veterans Chamber of Commerce, assisting veteran-owned business owners and families. Meghan is vice president of the board of directors of the South Windsor Chamber of Commerce, chairing their annual golf tournament and planning the Greater Hartford Women's Conference. She is president of the Tolland County Bar Association. Meghan earned her JD in 2007 from Western New England U School of Law and lives in Ashford with her husband and two daughters.

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## '03

**Jill Brasno Griffiths** and her husband Michael welcomed their daughter, Wren Josephine. Born Aug. 15, 2020, she joins sister Mae (7) and brother Hudson (4). The family lives in Little Silver, N.J.

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## '04

Hello, Class of 2004! Our classmates have been busy and there are wonderful updates to share! **Corrie Chandler** and husband Pat Bellomo welcomed a baby boy, Gabriel, in March 2020. Congratulations! **Emily Hildenbrand Ray**, her husband Mike, and her son Weston bought a crop farm in Somerset County, Pa., at the end of 2019. Emily started a business growing and selling flowers called Milkhouse Dahlias; she supplies dahlias and other flowers to florists, brides, and flower enthusiasts alike. Emily's full-time job is as a compliance specialist at Columbia Gas of Pa. Emily is truly living the dream! **Janet Teske Cassarino** and her husband Steve Cassarino '02 welcomed their fifth child, a baby girl, on March 6, 2020, Maria Brianna Octavia Cassarino.

**Shannon Maria Jones Brower**'s restaurant, Bright Spot Café, was featured on Fox & Friends in April 2020 for their Hero Meals being delivered to frontline health-care workers, first responders, and retirement communities. Bright Spot matches all donations and travels to any facility in the five-county Philadelphia region. In January 2020, Morristown-based law firm Riker Danzig Scherer Hyland & Perretti LLP announced that it elected **Tara J. Schellhorn** as partner. Congratulations, Tara! She is a partner in Riker Danzig's Bankruptcy and Reorganization Group. Her practice focuses on all aspects of bankruptcy and restructuring including the representation of debtors, creditors' committees, trustees, financial institutions, secured lenders, unsecured creditors, and other parties in interest in complex Chapter 11 cases. Keep your updates coming!

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## '05

Onyx Equities has named **Kristen Pappas** as its senior vice president of the new

property management and construction department to address the developer's aggressive office building acquisitions and related capital programs. Pappas joined Onyx in July 2019 and played an integral role in the creation and execution of Onyx's COVID-19 office repopulation plan.

**Tom Wilk** successfully defended his dissertation "Metaethics for Neo-Pragmatists: A Pragmatic Account of Linguistic Meaning for Moral Discourse," earning a PhD in philosophy from Johns Hopkins U. After teaching at Gettysburg in the spring 2020, he's taking up a position as assistant teaching professor of philosophy at Widener U in fall 2020. Tom, his partner **Kate Mereen**, and their sons Sam and Jack are excited for their move to Havertown, PA. Please continue to send updates as your classmates enjoy hearing from you!

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## '06

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

Since the last issue, the world has been a bit different. There is still much to celebrate, so let's get to it. **Molly Wilcox Taylor** married Ernest Roy Taylor III on Oct. 26, 2019, in Wilmington, DE. **Sarah Flood Cymbolin** and **Kathryn Adams Ferguson** were in attendance. Sarah lives in Redondo Beach, Calif., and Kathryn lives in Littleton, Colo. Molly works as a registered nurse in Washington, D.C. **Christine Baluk Mang** and her husband, Cody Mang '07, welcomed their second child, Cameron Stanley Mang, on Nov. 7, 2019. The family of four currently resides in Summit, N.J. **Nancy Franke** and Steve Hand '04 were married on Aug. 8. The nuptials were a bright spot in this challenging year, and the 30 guests in attendance at the socially distant outdoor ceremony relished in the love and happiness that marked the

celebration. James Barker '05 was the best man, **Emily Birx** served as the officiant, and Matt Achhammer '02 was the photographer. Also in attendance were **Alex Brewer**, **Jaclyn Lenez**, and countless other Gettysburgians who joined via Zoom. Nancy and Steve have shared a life together for five years and reside in West Philly with their one-eyed cat, Furberita. **Allie Dempsey** has joined Klasko Immigration Law Partners as a senior associate attorney. Allie provides comprehensive legal advice to corporate and individual clients on a range of immigrant and nonimmigrant matters and has significant experience in employment-based immigration matters. She is motivated in her work by the knowledge that every immigrant to the United States, no matter their circumstances, has a personal story driving him or her to seek new opportunities in the United States. After completing a four-year mission with the International Rescue Committee in Sierra Leone, West Africa, **Satin Matthews** took on a new role in July as contracting officer with FHI 360, based in Washington, D.C., supporting several countries across the world including Kazakhstan, Nigeria, Jordan, Japan, Pakistan, the United States, and many more. She works from home due to COVID-19 until the organization opens back up but is looking forward to finally meeting her new colleagues in person and settling in her own well-deserved office space. In August 2020, I (**Monique Mathews Gore**) lost my cousin that was like a son. My classmates (alumni of color) from my beloved 2006, 2005, 2007, and 2008 classes were so kind. They surprised my family with a gracious financial gift to help offset costs. I can't tell you how much it meant to have classmates who watched my cousin grow and knew him well offer such support in our time of mourning.

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 [Gettysburg College Class of 2006](#)

## '07

**Sarah Loveland** married Zachary Meyer at Lake of Isles in North Stonington, Conn., on Oct. 13, 2019. Sarah and Zachary had all the "Razzles" at the wedding, including **Claire Charlesworth**, **Elizabeth Davies Wellborn**, **Abigail Treworgy Slark**, **Kate Stocker**, **Kelli Clair**, **Kat Atwater**, **Jenn Baron Knowles**, and **Lisa Bogdanski Bildiren**. The newlyweds welcomed their first child, a baby girl named Eleanor Jean, on Aug. 10, 2020.

**Lisa Bogdanski** married Mert Bildiren in a mountaintop ceremony in Palmerton, Pa., on Sept. 19, 2019, with friends and family from two continents. Lisa was thrilled to have many G'burg girls from '07 there to witness and learn how to do traditional Turkish dances. Those alums in attendance included **Claire Charlesworth**, **Lizzy Davies Wellborn**, **Abby Treworgy Slark**, **Kate Stocker**, **Sarah Loveland**, Meyer, Kelli Clair, MaryBeth Muscelli Heisner, Kristen Miller Greene, Kat Atwater, Jenn Baron Knowles, and **Kristen Mery**. In May 2020,

**Katie Marchetti** was promoted to associate professor of political science with tenure at Dickinson College.

**Courtney Babiarz Hughes** was recently promoted to director of the University Fellowships Office at NC State U. She started her EdD in higher education leadership this past fall. **Meghan Howlett Wilson** won back-to-back Presidents Club Awards (2018 and 2019) from Salix Pharmaceuticals, a part of Bausch Health in the primary care division. This award means Meghan is in the top 20 within the company! **Keith Hinder** married Casey Harwood, an '07 grad of Middlebury College, in July 2019.

Gettysburg alums in attendance included **Andrew Maverganis**, **John** and Christina Semanyshyn '08 **Fairhurst**, **Fred** and **Martha (Rysinski) Reimer**, Ben '08 and **Alexandra Ewing Sufrin**, Trip Dyer '08, **JR Parker**, **Greg Montgomery**, and **Jimmy** and Kathleen McGuinn '10 **Gates**. Keith has spent his first year of marriage

as a real estate lawyer for a firm in downtown Baltimore, and in his spare time, he tends to the fields of a farm where the couple resides in Upperco, Md. **Kyle Leppert** and his wife Blake welcomed their first child, a baby girl named Margaret Clarke, on May 12, 2020. Baby Clarke's G'burg onesie fits her great, but unfortunately so does the F&M onesie from her mom. **Meghan Reid Galperin** and her husband Vadim welcomed their son, Oliver Reid, on March 15, 2020. **Stephanie Heath Raubenheimer** and her husband Tertiis welcomed their third child, a boy named Andrew Robert, on Jan. 1, 2020, at Monmouth Medical Center in New Jersey. His middle name is given in remembrance of Steph's dad, who loved to cheer for the Bullets women's soccer team. **Jenna Stokes** recently obtained her board certification in addiction medicine and is now dually boarded in family practice, as well as addiction. Jenna now serves as the medical director of St. Joseph Institute for Addiction. **Andrew** and Katharine Brecht '09 **Sylvester** welcomed their second son, Thomas Brooks, on Dec. 6, 2019. Baby Brooks joins older brother Teddy in the family.

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## 2010

**Peter Bloom** got married on March 15, 2020 (the last day before CA's statewide shelter-in-place went into effect) in Berkeley, Calif., to Amy Cole-Bloom. In the bridal party were **Aaron Lawson**, **Brian Garvey**, and Sean Marz '11. Also among the groomsmen was **Brian Lemak**, who unfortunately could not make it because of the virus. AGB Press just published a book that **Justin Kollinger** cowrote over the course of the last year titled *Risk Management: An Accountability Guide for University and College Boards, Second Edition*. Justin states that his "recommendation is biased, but for those of my fellow alumni who serve on college and university boards, they should give it a read!"

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2038 high school prom. Finally, who could have imagined our 10th Reunion would sneak up on us so quickly?

Keep an eye out for information on what our class has planned to celebrate a decade since leaving the 'Burg. My offer still stands—if anyone would like to take a turn as class correspondent to add some new flavor to these notes, please let me know and I will be happy to pass the torch. At a minimum, send along some news so I can share it in the next issue's column. Stay healthy and be well!

*Gettysburg College would like to thank Devan White for her service to the College as class correspondent and class notes editor. We are grateful to Kasey Varner '14, who will be filling the role of class notes editor in future, and to Scott Bye '11, who will be filling the role of class correspondent in future.*

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## '11

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

Hello, Class of 2011. I hope you all made it out of 2020 with some sense of sanity and much joy to begin a new year. **Kate Freyhof House** sent news that could likely help us all after the year we just experienced! Kate launched the Live by Design podcast, a weekly program about seeking joy and cultivating gratitude in our daily lives. Kate is a yoga instructor, health coach, blogger, mom to two handsome boys, and wife to **Dennis House**. Learn more about what Kate has to offer and listen to her podcast at [mskatehouse.com/podcast](http://mskatehouse.com/podcast). **Maggie Fridinger Karpauskas** and her husband Everett welcomed their beautiful baby girl, Eloise "Ellie" Ann, on Sept. 24, 2020. The family resides in New Jersey, and Maggie continues to work for Gettysburg's admissions office. My husband and I also welcomed our second son, Lucas Louis, on April 2, 2020. He finds his big brother Tripp (3) to be quite hilarious, and he has future plans to take Ellie Karpauskas to the

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## '13 ◎

Hello, Class of 2013. I hope that all of you are staying healthy and safe in these challenging times. On Oct. 4, 2019, **Taylor Curley** married Christopher Ambrosio in Aquebogue, N.Y. Gettysburgians in attendance included Sarah Blumig '10, **Michael Boyland**, Jen Christofferson '10, **Stephanie Gulden**, Maxine Kutner '11, **Alexa Kundla**, **Abbey Lovell**, **Kelly Madden**, Jordan Monts '12, **Ciara O'Connor**, Maryam Parvez '09, and Matt Redman '10. **Johnny Nelson** defended his dissertation and graduated from the U of Notre Dame with a PhD in history. Johnny and **Shruti Naik Nelson** moved to Lubbock, Texas, where Shruti began

a new job at Texas Tech U, working in their First Generation Transition and Mentoring Programs. Johnny will be an assistant professor of early American history at Texas Tech this fall.

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## '14

I am excited to announce my marriage to Cameron Smith '15 on Aug. 29, 2020, at Springton Manor Farm in Glenmoore, Pa. We danced the night away with a number of Gettysburg graduates, including best man Chandler Robertson '17, groomsmen **Ryan Bonner** and Eric Lee '15, bridesmaids Megan Smith Pettit '05 and **Victoria Sharbaugh**, and guests Meg Royer '15, Maja Thomas '17, Konrad Neptun '17, Nathan Michaliszyn '17, Josh Kiehl '17, Wyatt Derr '17, Dan Moorhead '16, Rands Keasler '16, and Andy McAdoo '98. It was a beautiful day of love and a tribute to where it all started, Gettysburg College. Congratulations to **Joshua Griffiths**, who finished his PhD in French linguistics at the U of TX and accepted a position at Northeastern U for this academic year.

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## '16

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

Hi, Class of 2016. I hope everyone is having a happy and healthy new year. Please continue to send in life updates, and as always, feel free to think outside the box. In May 2020, I started a fully remote job working for the NIH's Rapid Acceleration of Diagnostics (RADx) initiative to expedite getting COVID-19 tests to market. **Mackenzie Duncan** graduated from Boston U's health sector MBA program and started working for Takeda Pharmaceuticals in Cambridge, Mass. **Timothy Meads** is now a speechwriter at the U.S. Department of Energy. **Alex Calder** joined Gwynedd Mercy U Athletics as the head field hockey coach—go Griffins! **Gabriel C. Kelly**, a Gettysburg political science major, started a political science PhD program at The George Washington U, which ranks in the top 20 political science schools in the United States according to the globally focused *Foreign Policy* magazine, ARWU, and QS World University Rankings systems. **Brielle Barnard** graduated from Johns Hopkins U in May 2020 with a Master of Science in biotechnology. **Brandon Kelemen** is in his fourth year at Temple U School of Podiatric Medicine, rotating at various hospitals across the country. He is looking forward to graduating in May and starting his three-year foot and ankle surgical residency. **Melanie Fernandes** received her Master of Library and Information Science degree from Simmons U in 2019 and is now the access and technology services librarian at the Eastham Public Library on Cape Cod. **Dan Mallozzi** lives in Philadelphia and works as the director of development operations for The Better Spot. He is also a member of the Philly Runner Track Club. **Kate Rankin** moved to MI to work as a physician's assistant at Henry Ford Health System. **Kodie McNamara** popped his bike tire and broke his rollerblades all in the same day, so now he runs to work in his jeans

instead. The denim gets very wet and heavy, but that doesn't stop his Gettysburg Great attitude! **Kim Engelhart** lives in Washington, D.C., where she works for General Dynamics Information Technology as a strategy consultant. Kim also studies at the UVA in its Master of Science in Business Analytics program and is expecting to graduate this August. **Fergan Imbert** bought a home in Philadelphia and took full advantage of the space by taking in a foster dog named Lotus from the Philly Bully Team. **Caroline Rando** has worked at John Hancock since graduation, where she met her fiancé and became a Certified Financial Planner (CFP®). Caroline also started her own business called "Knotted by CoCo." **Megan Zagorski** graduated from Purdue U with a master's degree in forestry and natural resources and has returned to the East Coast to work as a wildlife biologist with VA Tech's Conservation Management Institute.

**Maria Wanner Donaldson** completed a master's degree in robotics engineering in 2018, and for the past two years, she has been working at Medtronic in Colorado on robotic-assisted surgeries. Maria married Sam Donaldson in May 2020. Congratulations, Maria and Sam!

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## '17

Hello from the 'Burg! I wanted to take the opportunity to recognize a few members of the class who wrote in to share how they've contributed to the fight against COVID-19. **Taylor Tims** is a Registered Nurse and has been working on the COVID floor of her hospital. Taylor also recently began the Doctor of Nursing Practice program at Johns Hopkins U. **Amanda Finck** recently published a review article titled "Cancer Immunotherapy Comes of Age and Looks for Maturity." She also worked in a lab

studying autoimmunity in COVID-19 patients. **Erin Morin** works with the CDC and public and environmental health labs to identify, prioritize, and develop resources for public health and environmental laboratories to meet their jurisdictions' SARS CoV-2 wastewater surveillance needs, as well as helping to develop protocols and standardize samples collection. In non-COVID-19 related news, two classmates got married!

**Kellie Burke** married **Aaron Bezio** in June 2020 in a small ceremony and will be having their bigger celebration in 2021. Kellie also graduated this past May with an education specialist degree and became a Nationally Certified School Psychologist. She now works in Massachusetts.

**Lizzy Butler** was recognized as the 2020 Rising Star Educator for Excellence in Education in the South Western School District in Pennsylvania. This award recognizes her excellent work as a math teacher and is akin to a "teacher of the year" award for young teachers. Lizzy is halfway through her master's degree program at Wilson College, too!

**Amelia Johnson** works in government relations and communications for the FL Department of Education. Amelia also started the Master of Applied American Politics and Policy program at FL State U. **Erica Nye** became a Nationally Registered EMT. **Ellis Bloom** started school at the Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine. **Ember Parker** graduated with a Master in School Counseling from Boston College and is working at Wellesley High School in Wellesley, Mass., as a school counselor.

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 **Gettysburg College Class of 2017**

## '18

Hello to my fellow 2018 graduates. There has been a lot of change, both positive and negative, since our graduation only two short years ago. In these

unprecedented times, our class has managed to Do Great Work, traveling near and far and representing Gettysburg across the globe. **Brianna Eagan** moved to Scotland with fellow Gettysburgian **Danielle Jones**. While there, she completed her master's degree in political communications at the U of Glasgow in September 2019. Since graduation, **Nicole Hindley** has worked for Broadway General Manager Charlotte Wilcox '69 as a management assistant. The shows she has played a part in are: "Beautiful: The Carole King Musical" and "Once Upon a One More Time." **Melissa Menna** lives in Washington, D.C., and works for a government association management company as a member services coordinator. **Daniella Snyder** graduated from Villanova U with a master's degree in English literature in August 2020. Her thesis was on modern American poetry and its relationship to architecture. **Giulia DiGuglielmo** moved to Washington, D.C., in March 2019. She serves as a legislative correspondent for congressman Hal Rogers of Kentucky's Fifth Congressional District. For a personal update, I received my MA from Columbia U in European history, politics, and society. I am working toward my PhD in Holocaust and genocide studies at Clark U through the Strassler Center. As always, I wish you all the best and please continue to send me updates!

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## CLASS NOTES CORRESPONDENTS' DEADLINES

**10/15** for Winter  
**4/8** for Summer

*Disclaimer:* All class notes are compiled by class correspondents, who are responsible for confirming the accuracy of the information submitted to GETTYSBURG College Magazine.

# CLASS PHOTOS

**1** From the wedding of Kaitlin Chiarelli Merritt '13, from left to right: Jenn Pincus '13, Megan Monahan '08, Kaitlin Merritt '13, Meg Kelly '13, Katie Wiegand '13, and Gabby Pros '13. (Photo by Tracie Smith of "Photography by Tracie")

**2** From the wedding of Diana Eidenshink's ('84) son. Front row from left to right: Susan Eicholtz Pyron '83, Wendi Jacobs Thomas '83, Norie Wohglemuth Sutor '84, Andrea Longo Gretsky '84, and Dave Gretsky '84. Back row from left to right: J.P. Morgan, friend of the College and widower of Chris Edwards Morgan '83; Bill Pyron '83; John Thomas '84; Diana Eidenshink '84; Pam Patterson Monacelli '83; Bill Monacelli '82; and Kevin Eidenshink '83.

**3** Peter Lewis Dewald '76 shared that he could not believe his luck. When he went scuba diving in The Grand Caymans and came upon the wreck of the Doc Paulson, he found a Gettysburg banner in the wheelhouse at 60 feet of sea water below the surface. Then later in 2020, while skiing with friends at Wolf Creek in Colorado, he found a Gettysburg banner at 12,000 feet. The flag seems to be everywhere.



**4** Members of the Class of 1950 had a Zoom call to celebrate their 70th reunion, since they couldn't be on campus due to COVID-19. The organizers were Ruthe Fortenbaugh Craley '50 and Andy O'Day '50.



## IN MEMORIAM

ALL DATES ARE 2020 UNLESS NOTED

- '43** David C. Houck, Jan. 17  
Dorothy Wertz Smith, Sept. 19
- '45** Emily Scheffer Dolbeer, June 22  
Angeline Feeser Haines, April 19  
Charlotte Rehmeyer Odell, May 30

- '47** Cecelia Moyer Hinds, June 1  
George M. Homer Jr., Dec. 26, 2019  
L. Jean Livingston Hummel, May 29  
Virginia Leedom Macfarland, Sept. 30
- '48** Earl E. Bomberger, Oct. 2  
Robert J. Trewella, Aug. 15
- '49** Warren A. Gingrich, May 23  
Dean A. McClain, May 26  
Carol Stroehmann McMorris, Feb. 11

Ruth Wood Raffensperger, Jan. 30  
Thomas A. Rankin, Dec. 19, 2019  
Robert K. Strasser, Dec. 30, 2019

- '50** Bertram E. Buller, July 24  
Paul G. Haller, April 12  
Edward J. Jankowsky, March 23  
Richard R. Schantz, April 8  
Arthur P. Wallace Jr., Aug. 22, 2019  
John Yost Jr., Aug. 8

# IN MEMORIAM

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- '51 Leonard C. Bausback, Feb. 27  
Charles G. Douglass, March 30  
Robert G. Little Jr., Oct. 5  
George E. Mansur Jr., April 20, 2019  
Otto B. Raphael, Nov. 17, 2019  
William R. Rock, May 27  
Richard E. Small, March 29
- '52 Frank H. Barranco, March 14  
Dean Nevin Dubbs, April 26  
Eugene E. Fernekes, May 2  
Virgil R. Hartman, April 20  
Robert L. Kaufman, July 19  
William P. Keiser, July 1  
George W. Knapp, May 1  
Peter F. MacGhee, Jan. 8  
Gerald E. Royals, July 6  
William F. Shuler, May 12  
Hubert C. Smith, Feb. 15  
John "Jack" T. Ziegler, March 12
- '53 Boyd G. Hess, July 17  
Robert E. Hollinger, June 7  
Barbara Slothrop King, Oct. 3
- '54 Ralph E. DeMichele, Feb. 10  
Rodney S. Fisher, June 30  
Charles H. Harrison, Feb. 13  
Eugene F. Jones, Jan. 30
- '55 Richard C. Jones, Jan. 6  
James W. Kephart, Aug. 17, 2019  
Richard A. Meyer, Feb. 19
- '56 William P. Alexander, Aug. 24  
James W. Ayre, April 17  
James L. Ruos, Dec. 20, 2019  
Robert Sharp Jr., Jan. 10  
William H. Shank III, May 3
- '57 Noel Beebe, March 31  
Richard D. Brown, Oct. 11  
Jeff Davis, May 25  
Raymond S. Davis Jr., May 25  
Ronald J. Downey, May 20  
Rodney A. Gatzke, Nov. 22, 2019  
William B. Hoffer, Feb. 2  
Carl C. Neely, Jr., May 6
- '58 Richard L. Adams, July 23  
Jean B. Broadbelt, April 13  
Eugene A. Deardorff, Sept. 6
- Fred M. Herring, Aug. 21  
Donald J. Holland, Jan. 16  
Roger M. Patches, June 8  
Vernon G. Rapp, Oct. 5  
Fred H. Wetzel, Aug. 25
- '59 C. Rush Barr III, June 20, 2019  
George R. Kinney, Jan. 21  
Geoffrey H. Langsam, July 16  
David B. McGrail, Jan. 3  
Elizabeth Johnson Nicholson,  
March 20  
Charles E. Snyder, May 31  
Charles S. Strickler Jr., Oct. 5
- '60 Robert E. Custer, March 8  
Mary Toner D'Andrade, Sept. 16  
Marjorie Snyder Jackson, March 6  
Howard P. McClure, Sept. 29  
Howard N. Peters, May 28  
J. Richard Sharrah, Oct. 4
- '61 David M. Barclay, Jan. 29  
Richard L. Kornmann, Jan. 30  
Thomas E. Schiff, Dec. 23, 2019  
Mary Schofield Wood, April 12
- '62 Richard E. Clower, Oct. 4  
John T. Heilman Jr., March 22  
Richard A. Mitchell, April 11  
Robert W. Roxby, Dec. 29, 2019
- '63 Robert N. Hopple, Feb. 25  
David G. Miller, Feb. 4  
Russell E. Paul, March 24
- '64 Earle W. Conrad III, Aug. 10  
Mark A. Kaufki, May 1  
Edward A. Kramer, June 20  
Burrill C. Porter, Feb. 3
- '65 James B. Adams, July 11  
Judith Campbell Maust, Sept. 12
- '66 Robert M. Adams III, Aug. 16  
Sally Richards Harbold, Feb. 27  
Paul E. Hultberg, Feb. 9  
Richard C. Mitchell Jr., Feb. 25  
Judith Kohler Persiko, Aug. 3, 2019
- '67 Samuel A. Rice, April 7
- '68 Eric W. Hildebrand, April 13  
Alan G. Keith, Oct. 4, 2019
- '69 Jane Hillegass Snyder, May 15  
Frederick Q. Vogel, Jan. 27
- '70 Byron J. Gronvold, Jan. 24  
Ronald L. Gruber, Dec. 6, 2019
- '71 Ruth Wies Gill, Oct. 5  
Stuart M. Louchheim, Aug. 21
- '72 Peter O. Argetsinger, Feb. 6  
Philip J. Minich, July 10
- '73 Mark I. Shames, July 9
- '77 Douglas C. Davis, Sept. 18  
Janet Rebuck Moran, April 29  
Maureen Relle Schandert, April 8
- '78 Alice L. Cave, Oct. 6, 2019  
Leslie Keating Deutch, May 17
- '79 J. Patrick Barnes, Sept. 25
- '82 Richard B. Goldfarb, Feb. 28  
Nancy Litchfield Hicks, Aug. 2
- '86 Lisa Marino Hafer, April 15
- '87 Julie McNamara, Sept. 22
- '88 Kristin L. Dunham, Jan. 25
- '90 David T. Sale, April 6
- '91 Paul E. Heimbach, July 7
- '92 Timothy C. Walsh, Sept. 10  
Kimberly R. Wetzel, March 29
- '96 Barbara Jo Barto Lemaire, May 18
- '97 Justin D. Barrett, March 24
- '03 Ashley Sadler Huray, Jan. 1

## RETIRED FACULTY AND STAFF

- Eileen Stillwagon, May  
John Vannorsdall, April 5  
John R. Winkelmann, Oct. 13

## FRIENDS

- Richard Gilder, May 12  
John J. Pohanka, May 17

## RICHARD GILDER JR.

Gettysburg College honorary degree recipient Richard Gilder Jr. passed away on Tuesday, May 12, 2020, at the age of 87. Gilder was a business leader and philanthropist who was passionate about preserving history and educating younger generations.

He co-founded the Gilder Lehrman Institute of American History in New York, which devotes itself to history education by supporting magnet schools, teacher training, curriculum development, exhibitions, and publications, as well as endowing several major history awards, alongside Lewis Lehrman. Together, they also founded the Gilder Lehrman Collection, one of the largest private archives of historic documents and artifacts in the nation.

Gilder and Lehrman also established the Gilder Lehrman Lincoln Prize in 1990, together with then Prof. Gabor Boritt, director emeritus of the Civil War Institute at Gettysburg College. The Gilder Lehrman Lincoln Prize is awarded annually for the finest scholarly work in English on Abraham Lincoln, the American Civil War soldier, or a subject relating to their era.

Gilder was a generous friend to and supporter of the College and was named to the Benefactors Circle in 2018.

## JOHN J. POHANKA

Generous supporter and friend of Gettysburg College John Jay "Jack" Pohanka, 92, died peacefully in Palm Beach, Fla. on May 17, 2020. Jack grew his family business, Pohanka Automotive Group, into one of the largest dealerships in the nation and celebrated its 100th year in business in 2019.

Over the years, Pohanka served in various professional organizations and was the founder of the National Institute for Automotive Service Excellence (ASE), which has certified millions of auto technicians, and the National Technicians Education Foundation (NATEF), which certifies automotive vocational schools. In 1979, he won the *TIME* magazine Auto Dealer of the Year Award and in 1986, he earned the Automotive Hall of Fame Distinguished Service Citation.

Jack is survived by his wife, Lynn T. Pohanka; his children Geoffrey (Anne Kline) and Susan (Jay Madden); his daughter-in-law Cricket Bauer; his grandchildren, Laura Pohanka, Erich Pohanka, Kevin (Amanda), Matthew Schantz, and Melissa Schantz; and great-granddaughter, Raegan Pohanka. He was preceded in death by his former wife, Jean Powers Pohanka; his former wife, Lori McCalip; and his son, Brian Pohanka.

The generosity of the John J. Pohanka Family Foundation established the Brian C. Pohanka Internship Program in 2011 in memory of Brian Pohanka. The Pohanka Internship Program supports long-term partnerships between Gettysburg College and a wide range of the nation's most high-profile Civil War sites. Pohanka Interns come away from their summer experiences with a greatly expanded awareness of the career options available to students with academic training in history and increased commitment to engaging public audiences in meaningful dialogue about the past. Many have gone on to enroll in graduate programs in history, public history, and historic preservation.

## EILEEN STILLWAGGON

Longtime faculty member Eileen Stillwagon passed away in late May 2020. Eileen came to Gettysburg College in 1994 and had retired from her position as professor of economics and Benjamin Franklin Professor of the Liberal Arts and Sciences shortly before her passing. She was a respected and cherished colleague, both in her department and beyond. Her research focused on issues of poverty and health, particularly in Africa and Latin America. She was a prolific scholar whose work changed the nature of academic discourse in several fields and led directly to changes in government policies.

During her career, she published two books, 28 articles in academic journals, and 10 book chapters, which together have been cited nearly 1,500 times. Over the years, she held research positions with the U.S. Congress's American Indian Policy Review Commission where she was chief economist, the Pan American Health Organization, the U.S. Department of Labor, the U.S. Department of the Treasury, the United Nations Office of Development Planning, and the National School of Tropical Medicine at the Baylor College of Medicine. She also played active leadership roles in the International AIDS Economic Network and the Committee on Global Health of the American Society of Tropical Medicine and Hygiene.

In her career, she taught more than 1,500 Gettysburg College students, serving as a beloved mentor to many of them and always encouraging them to pursue their dreams of a more just world. She also taught students at many other institutions, most prominently as a Fulbright Senior Scholar at the University of Dar es Salaam in Tanzania and at the Pontifícia Universidad Católica del Ecuador in Quito.

She is survived by her loving husband Larry; her children, Brian, Cate, and Rob; and her stepchildren, Mark and Debbie.

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*Memorial written by the Rev. Dr. Kristin Largent,  
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## JOHN VANNORDSALL

Former Gettysburg College Chaplain John Vannorsdall passed away on April 5, 2020, at the age of 94, in Medina, Ohio.

Rev. Vannorsdall served the College community from 1962 to 1976 and was known for his dedication to serving others and being a champion for those denied justice. Gettysburg College awarded Vannorsdall an honorary degree in 1982.

John was born and grew up in Ohio, where his parents were both teachers. He was a 1945 graduate of Harvard University and received his master of divinity degree at the Lutheran Theological Seminary at Philadelphia (LTSP) in 1948. He would return to LTSP, one of the predecessors of United Lutheran Seminary, as president from 1986-1990, after which he retired. The beloved clergyman began his ministry as pastor of Trinity Lutheran Church in New Haven, Conn. He returned to New Haven 20 years later as the fourth chaplain of Yale University. Vannorsdall was the first Lutheran to serve in that role and Yale's first chaplain who did not have a degree from the school.

From 1976 until his retirement, the widely acclaimed preacher's sermons were broadcast nationwide on The Protestant Hour. A collection of some of his best-loved sermons was published by Fortress Press in 1982 as the book *Dimly Burning Wicks: Reflections on the Gospel After a Time Away*.

Vannorsdall and his wife of 74 years, Patricia, had three children: daughters **Leslie '72** and Joan and son Chris. He is also survived by three grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

## JOHN R. WINKELMANN

John Roland Winkelmann, professor emeritus of biology at Gettysburg College, died peacefully on Oct. 13, 2020, surrounded by his family. John was a 1950 graduate of Urbana High School, earned a BA in zoology from the University of Illinois at Champaign-Urbana, and an MS and PhD in zoology from the University of Michigan at Ann Arbor, where he met his future wife, Helen, as a fellow graduate student. His education was paused by two years of service in the U.S. Army, stationed in a medical unit in Germany.

In 1963, John accepted a teaching position at Gettysburg College. John's early career focused on field research in Arizona, Mexico, Costa Rica, and Belize, where he specialized in baseline research on mammalian populations. In the latter half of his career, John shifted continents, landing him and his students and colleagues in Australia, Papua New Guinea, New Britain Island in the Solomon Sea, Ecuador and the Galapagos, and most affectionately in South Africa's national parks. Known internationally as a bat research expert, John was a member of the board of directors for the North American Society for Bat Research, which in 2005 bestowed a lifetime achievement award in recognition of a long and distinguished career in bat biology, being only the third recipient since the award's inception.

John had a love of travel, exploring new places, and the natural world extended deeply into his personal life. He loved to hunt, fish, and ride his horse. He spent summers at the family cottage at White Lake, Mich., canoeing, fishing, and boating, and he continued the tradition with his own family for many years. Subsequently they turned south, landing in Topsail Beach, N.C., where for decades the extended family enjoyed vacations sailing, crabbing and fishing, boating, and, of course, birding. John was an avid birder, having logged species across five continents and he instilled the same love of wildlife and outdoor adventure into his children.

John is survived by his beloved wife of 58 years, Helen Janosik Winkelmann; daughter Anne Louise Winkelmann; son Richard Janosik Winkelmann and his wife Cynthia; son David Janosik Winkelmann and his wife Heather; and son James Gaunt Winkelmann and his wife Hillary. John and Helen have six grandchildren: Abigail, Henry, Lily, Madeleine, Thomas, and Vivian.

## JOHN TAGGART ZIEGLER

John (Jack) Taggart Ziegler, 91, of Carlisle, Pa., passed away with family by his side on March 12, 2020. Jack attended Gettysburg College as part of the class of 1952 and went on to graduate from both the University of Pennsylvania School of Dental Medicine in 1955 and later from the University of Tennessee with an MS in Orthodontics in 1958. Jack was preceded in death 18 days earlier by the love of his life, Madge M. Ziegler. They met while he was at Gettysburg College and she was at Hood College in nearby Frederick, Md. While on campus, Jack studied chemistry and participated in Phi Kappa Sigma and Alpha Phi Omega.

After setting up practice in Carlisle, Penn., Jack was active in many local and national professional organizations, as well as serving in leadership roles in community organizations. Jack remained connected to Gettysburg College, serving on the Board of Fellows and the Alumni Interfraternity Council.

Throughout the years, Jack was an avid golfer and enjoyed watching sports, especially the Philadelphia Eagles and Phillies. Having visited all seven continents, Jack and Madge also enjoyed traveling extensively, a passion that has been passed on to the next two generations of their family. In later years, Jack and Madge enjoyed splitting their time between Carlisle and their second home on Daufuskie Island, S.C.

Jack will be deeply missed by his daughter **Kim (Ziegler) Bryant '77** and her husband, **Jeff Bryant '77**; daughter **Karen (Ziegler) Goldfine '80** and her husband Steve; son John Ziegler and his wife Mary; daughter **Cindy Ziegler '83** and her husband Gary; grandchildren **Conor Ziegler '06** and his wife Katie, Ashley, and Allison Bryant; David, Jared, and Brett Goldfine; and Lauren and John Ziegler.

WHAT MAKES A GREAT...

# BINGE-WORTHY MYSTERY

AUTHOR **NANCY CONNOR SPRINGER '70** SHARES  
HOW SHE CREATED 'ENOLA HOLMES,' A LITTLE NOVEL  
TURNED BIG MOVIE, NOW AVAILABLE ON NETFLIX.

*by Nancy Springer '70*  
Photos courtesy of Nancy Springer and Netflix

**B**y the time I created the *Enola Holmes* mystery series, I had plenty of experience. After discarding the usual number of failures and successfully publishing 40 novels, I learned over and over again that, for fiction, my prose needed to be all about pictures.

The root word of “imagination” is “image.” My cockeyed job as a novelist is to envision scenes in my head, then write—just black words on white paper—in such a way as to enable the reader to envision the same scenes in their own head in living color. I engaged in a sort of crypto-telepathy, writing mostly from my daydreams (fantasy) and real life (contemporary fiction).

Sometime around 2001, an editor asked me to follow up a different series with something “set in deepest darkest London at the time of Jack the Ripper.” I was baffled, until I realized that Sherlock Holmes had lived—fictitiously—at that time. Enola Holmes! I knew her name instantly. And I soon knew she was going to be Sherlock’s kid sister and his competition—in a quaintly feminist way.

I had that feeling—a sort of singing sensation in the mind—that it would be a hit. But I had never written a historical novel, so I plunged into reference books and online searches. I knew from experience that, when writing, it works to play; there’s nothing like child’s play to internalize data. So, I photocopied line drawings from a costume book, colored them, and stuck them to my office walls; I found a battered leather journal and filled it, almost as if scrapbooking, with notes, pictures, and stickers. If I can take any tenuous credit at all for *Enola Holmes* having been made into a movie, it would be due to my technicolor approach to writing it.

Enola turned out to be a tree-climbing tomgirl with the stork-like build and looks of her more-famous brother. Rather than be sent to finishing school, she runs away, using the corset, bustle, and bosom enhancer that were forced upon her to store all sorts of supplies and disguises. While eluding her brothers, she also searches for her missing mother and solves mysteries along the way. She can run rings around Sherlock because he does not understand the secret codes of Victorian women undermining the men who try to control their lives. And she does all this at 14 years old.

Once Enola had been brought to life on the page, she captured readers’ imaginations like she had captured mine. One such reader was the youthful actor Millie Bobby Brown of *Stranger Things*, who decided she wanted to make a movie based upon them. She spearheaded the entire project, becoming Hollywood’s youngest producer.

When I was consulted on the first script, I took it very seriously and suggested thoughtful changes. But when I saw a later script, it bore hardly any resemblance to the first one, and even later versions had morphed almost beyond recognition! It was not until the summer of 2019, when I traveled to England to visit the set, that I understood and appreciated the process of filming as a fluid and organic confluence of many creative minds.

But mostly I observed with excitement and awe as hundreds of people worked together to transform my image-based story into the kind of picture I could only have imagined: a motion picture. Seeing the movie for the first time felt surreal, as if I had fallen into one of my own daydreams. I am still blinking in disbelief. **G**



**TOP** Millie Bobby Brown, as Enola Holmes, is pictured with her cast members on set.

**MIDDLE AND BOTTOM** In her research for the *Enola Holmes* Series, Nancy Springer was driven by images, which she sketched, colored, and pasted on paper.

# HAPPY TRAILS

## TWO RECENT GRADS REFLECT ON HIKING THE APPALACHIAN TRAIL, AND THE FELLOW GETTYSBURGIANS THAT SUPPORTED THEIR JOURNEY

by Anya Hanna

In 2018, *High Garst '20* and *Meira Ruben '20* led a group of eight students on a five-day GRAB (Gettysburg Recreational Adventure Board) expedition through New Hampshire's White Mountains. Two years later, they would return to the very same mountain range as part of a longer trek—a “flip-flop” hike of the Appalachian Trail.

Just a month after graduating, Garst and Ruben set out to pursue their lifelong dream of completing the 2,190-mile trail. Garst, an environmental studies and religious studies double major, remarked, “It’s been a dream of mine my whole life and I couldn’t think of a better time to do it—after graduating and before starting my career.”

But amidst the COVID-19 pandemic, the journey would require careful planning. Ruben, a sociology major and political science and peace and justice studies double minor, explained: “We... never expect[ed] a pandemic to get in the way of this dream! We both knew we’d probably never have another chance to take six months off life and hike the AT, so we readjusted our plans in order to accommodate COVID and hike safely this year.”

Their thoughtful preparations paid off and made for a fruitful trip with unforgettable memories. Reflecting on the experience, Garst recalls returning to the White Mountains once again, where they had led their GRAB peers just years before—this time completing the entire presidential traverse in a single day. “Watching the sun set behind Mount Adams from the peak of Mount Madison” was one of his favorite memories of the experience.

Their journey was made even more memorable by all those who came out to support them. Former College president *Janet Morgan Riggs '77* and her husband, *Ed Riggs '77*—who had also recently completed the infamous thru-hike and shared his gear list and good advice—came to see them off. Garst and Ruben are also grateful for the many others who provided food, gear, lodging, transportation, and other “trail magic” along the way including: *Jack Burns '20*, *Alex Darby '20*, *Katharine Ellis '20*, *Emily Evans '18*, *Noah Fatzinger '18*, *Kyle Flagg '21*, *Madison Fox '19*, *Sarah Francisco '17*, *Callie Fucarino '20*, *Kasey Higgins '20*, *Caroline Keenaghan '22*, *Stephen Macary '19*,



*Garst and Ruben at Springer Mountain on Nov. 6, 2020, where they completed their “flip-flop” hike of the Appalachian Trail after graduating in May.*

*Pat McKenna '20, Elizabeth Miller '19, Maura O’Neil '19, former Director of Experiential Education John Regentin, Todd Sammis '19, Sam Sheldon '20, Ally Schultz '20, Connor Stafford '21 and Kaitlin Wingard '15.*

Garst and Ruben completed the northern leg of their “flip-flop” hike over the summer, setting out on the trail just outside Gettysburg and heading north to Maine’s Mt. Katahdin. They finished the southern leg in the fall, departing once again from Adams County and heading south. The two friends fulfilled their shared dream on Nov. 6, 2020, when they completed the southern leg of the trek by summiting Springer Mountain in Georgia.

As the two now look ahead to launch their careers, they will always look back with fondness on their memories of the trail and the community that supported them, each step of the way. G

# PLANNING FOR THE FUTURE?

A large photograph showing several students wearing face masks while sitting at wooden desks in a classroom. One student in the foreground is writing in a notebook with a purple pen. The background is slightly blurred, showing more students and classroom elements.

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