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A Consequential Education
Throughout October, the land between Musselman Library and Pennsylvania Hall became the site of an archaeological dig, co-directed by Anthropology Prof. Ben Luley and Kirby Farah. Together, their classes excavated a few feet deep to recover artifacts and architectural remains of a house which was built in the 1830s and served as the residence for the College janitor between 1860 and 1928.

The first residents of the house were John ‘Jack’ Hopkins, his wife Julia, and their two sons. Hopkins was a pillar of Gettysburg’s Black community for many years, initially hired by the College in 1847 as its janitor. He had the important job of raising the American flag above Pennsylvania Hall, and he was also responsible for ringing the bell that hung from the Cupola, which is now located in Christ Chapel across Washington Street. Hopkins’ house originally served as a wash house, and he first occupied it with his family in 1860 until his death in 1868. At that time, the north side portico of Pennsylvania Hall did not exist as it does today, so his house was on the backside of the building, tucked away from the face of the College.

This archaeological excavation—just one of many hands-on opportunities at the College, as an integral part of the strategic plan—was an important educational collaboration for students and faculty to learn about the College’s past. It allowed them to more fully understand the diverse social lives and histories of people who have lived at the College. Representing voices in the local area that have often been ignored or suppressed, specifically the Black community, this dig reminded them of the importance of listening to and telling what is often a forgotten story.

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Honoring The Indigenous Past and Present
The Land Acknowledgement Statement recognizes that Gettysburg College sits on Indigenous land.
by Katelyn Silva

Defining A Consequential Education
At the heart of one of the most historic places in the world, Gettysburg College inspires students and drives change.
by Molly Foster

Transformative Places, Resilient Spaces
Step back in time and into seven buildings whose stories live on today.
by Shawna Sherrell
This question is at the heart of all that we do at Gettysburg College. As a community, we want to solve big problems. We want to graduate engaged citizens and effective leaders who are committed to making a lasting impact on the lives of others. This work begins by helping our students acquire the necessary skills, as well as the equally necessary understanding of themselves as personal contributors to the building of a better world.

Since 1832, we have equipped our students with A Consequential Education—one that gives rise to a purposeful and contributive life, a consequential life. Today, our College is seeking to be even more intentional in naming, owning, and delivering on this promise. Articulated in full (p. 5) and embodied in the stories of this magazine—and through the lives and careers of our 30,000-plus Gettysburg alumni—our promise serves as an institutional declaration. It is an endorsement for a particular kind of liberal arts and sciences education, an approach we believe to be the best, most effective form of a contemporary undergraduate experience.

Our consequential education gives students greater insight into who they are, what they want to accomplish, and how they will define and lead their own consequential lives. In short, it is what readies them to do the great work for which we know they are capable.

We face immense challenges in our time, reminding us again of President Lincoln’s exhortation to advance “the unfinished work.” Those consequential words weren’t lost on the students and professors of our College when Lincoln spoke to them on the morning of Nov. 19, 1863, and they are not lost on the students and professors of today’s Gettysburg College. Now, as much as at any point in our history, the world needs the consequential education we provide, and the courageous and collaborative changemakers we produce.

Our alumni play a vital role in helping us deliver on our promise. Your support, your mentorship, and your belief can alter the trajectory of a student’s life—and advance Gettysburg College’s mission. I hope as you read this issue of the magazine you will reflect on your own Gettysburg experience, and the consequence of that experience in your life.

Sincerely,

Bob Iuliano
President
OUR PROMISE

A Consequential Education

A Consequential Education enriches the mind, deepens the heart, and strengthens the capacity to act. It provides the essential tools for leading an enriched, contributive, and successful life—a consequential life. Such an education involves more than learning how the world works; it also provides the means by which a person is able to gain a greater insight into who they are, what they want to accomplish, and how they will define, and then lead, their own consequential life.

A consequential Gettysburg education maintains its relevance throughout the course of a graduate’s life and career. Beyond the high caliber academic work students do here, they graduate having refined specific personal skills that will be invaluable to them in effectively navigating our complex, challenging, and ever-changing world. Our consequential education helps students develop their intellectual dexterity, and gain a true understanding of what constitutes diversity, equity, and inclusion, and how it produces a richer human experience for all members of the community. It expands students’ emotional intelligence, so important to being able to keep one’s balance, empathize, and communicate effectively with others, and contribute meaningfully to creating a more just world. Today’s Gettysburg College graduates are likely to hold many positions in multiple fields throughout the course of their dynamic careers; the human and intellectual capacities they deepen here will serve them well at every turn, in every pursuit.

A Gettysburg College education is consequential because of the nature of the relationships our students develop during their years here—in particular, the distinctive partnerships that form between students and their professors—partnerships characterized by both parties holding a strong belief in the integrity and the ability of the other. The confidence of the faculty in the ability of their students to Do Great Work, in turn inspires that great work.

A consequential Gettysburg education is grounded in the liberal arts and sciences, the study of which lays a strong foundation for a lifetime of learning and growing. It allows for the development of those skills of discernment necessary for being able to separate fact from opinion, recognize the better ideas amid the lesser ones, and choose the better path when there is a choice to be made.

Consequential educations are inspired by consequential places, and in 1863, Gettysburg, Pennsylvania, became one of the most consequential places in the world—consecrated by President Abraham Lincoln as the place where the struggle to ensure the survival of the young American nation reached its zenith. It was to us that he issued the challenge to “...be dedicated here to the unfinished work for which they who fought here have thus far so nobly advanced.” And so we are.

Those who come here, to this College, in this place, surrounded by history and opportunity, build in each other the ambition and the determination to take up the great and unfinished work of making a better world for themselves, their families, their communities, their nations.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

I had opened my mailbox this morning and was so excited to see the GETTYSBURG College Magazine among other mail of mine. I just felt the need to set aside all my online tasks to take a trip down memory lane with stories shared by Gettysburgians. I missed everyone on campus so much!

I loved Molly [Foster’s] articles on Gettysburg College’s technology revolution and the journey of Bruce Silverglade ’68—and the photos by Eric Lee ’15 are amazing! (He was a superstar in the Cinema and Media Studies Department!)

But the ending story “Window of Opportunity” by Laura Johnson Stanton ’09 must be my favorite. It was so beautifully written. I really hope to give back to the people and the campus in every way I can to the best of my ability soon!”

Boba (Ngoc) Pham ’21
The Class of 2020 celebrated its long-awaited Commencement ceremony on Sept. 26, 2021—postponed from May 2020 due to the COVID-19 pandemic—in the company of friends, family, and Gettysburg College alumni, faculty, and staff. It was a special and sentimental day filled with ear-to-ear smiles and warm embraces.

But, it was also marked with a one-of-a-kind gift from the College as an expression of gratitude for their persistent dedication to Gettysburg and to each other. As each graduate walked across the stage in recognition of their degrees, President Bob Iuliano bestowed onto them a Stole of Gratitude—the first-ever given to a graduating class.

“We are grateful to you, Class of 2020,” Iuliano said. “We are grateful for your return to the campus you called home for so many years. We are grateful for the connections you forged to this place and to its people. We are grateful for the contributions you have made to this College. We are grateful for the leadership you demonstrated in the context of a global public health challenge without any recent precedent. And we are grateful for the contributions you will undoubtedly make to a society that desperately needs you.”

Reminiscent of the blue Stoles of Gratitude—a tradition founded and sponsored annually by the Alumni Board, in which the graduates have traditionally bestowed onto the individual who has had a substantial impact on their time at Gettysburg College—these orange silk stoles were designed to sit on the shoulders of the Gettysburgians who carried the weight of a pandemic during their senior year. They will forever serve as a tangible token of the College’s appreciation for this remarkably resilient class.

“WE ARE GRATEFUL TO YOU, CLASS OF 2020.”

President Bob Iuliano

Photos by Shawna Sherrell and Molly Foster

CLASS OF 2024 FIRST-YEAR WALK

“Wonderful college as my Andy graduated from Gettysburg in 1995, as well as his fiancé, now wife. It’s a great small liberal arts college! Good luck to the Class [of] 2024!”

Joan Newman P’95

“I absolutely loved being there in late August to cheer on my daughter and her fellow students from the Class of 2025. What an amazing tradition.”

Annie Switzer P'25

“Thank you for delivering on this promise to the Class of 2024.”

Kathryn Belliveau Allen P'24

CLASS OF 2025 FIRST-YEAR WALK

“I think this is my favorite Gettysburg tradition. Gettysburg is such a historic place. This event helps these new community members feel like they are now, in a tiny way perhaps, part of that history. Gives me chills.”

Anne Marie Humphries P’21

“Best wishes to these talented and promising young people. May their journey begin with health, great learning, friendships, and joy.”

Ron Szudy, friend of the College

FLASHBACK FRIDAY

Prior to Homecoming Weekend, Gettysburg College students and alumni shared their favorite memories as part of an interactive Instagram Story on “Flashback Friday.” Here were some of their responses:

“Falling in love with my best friend.”

“The first feeling of spring when all the orange tulips are in bloom across campus.”

“First-Year Walk! 🌼”

“Breakfast at Servo with roommates…miss those omelets and chocolate chip muffins.”

“When a professor gave a Greek rendition of a poem in our class.”

“Sitting in an Adirondack chair on Stine Lake! 😊”

“The Gettysburg invitational track meet each spring. 🌼”
36-HOUR BULLETS
TEAMS CHALLENGE

“I remember when women’s lacrosse won their first national championship. A bunch of us waited for their return to campus at 1 a.m. Student and lacrosse star Lindsey Robinson ’13 was holding the NCAA trophy. I’m a huge NCAA fan and have watched athletes celebrate with such a trophy since childhood. I had to get a photo of me holding the trophy surrounded by lacrosse students from my class. It’s one of my favorite Gettysburg moments. My donation is a multiple of 18. In Jewish tradition, the number 18 symbolizes ‘chai,’ Hebrew for ‘life.’ Giving an amount that’s a multiple of 18 is a way of symbolically gifting a long and happy life. #HappyChanukah”

Jewish Studies and Interdisciplinary Studies Prof. Stephen Stern

A GETTYSBURGIAN’S BEST FRIEND
How our pets, especially dogs, can boost human wellness

“A win/win: a person rescues an animal from a hard (lonely shelter) environment and in turn that animal (any kind…originally I only thought of dogs) rescues that human from an equally rough situation. Beautifully written piece that will impact readers. Share this project with other communities around the globe.”

Mary Folkemer ’68

“And then there was Weezie, the Golden Retriever across the street from Stine, who greeted all who walked by every day!”

Lynda Ellen Taylor, friend of the College

“The first emotional support cat *might* have been living at the Ice House [apartments] ’95-’96 … Alyson Reichgott Jones ’96, Anna Gulick ’96, Leigh Greacen Gygax ’96.”

Heather Manley ’96

TOP Chiquita, a Great Pyrenees and Maremma mix, with Daniel Ziegler ’21
BOTTOM Anna Shah ’22 with Bubba, an American Staffordshire Terrier
Photo courtesy of Anna Shah ’22
IN THE MEDIA

ADRIAN MACDONALD '10, who was on the men’s track and field and cross country teams at Gettysburg, won a 100-mile trail race in Boston in August 2021. He finished with a time of 16 hours, 18 minutes, 19 seconds, and his victory was covered by the Boston Globe.

TIME magazine named “Stargirl,” written by Jerry Spinelli ’63, one of the “100 Best Young-Adult Books of All Time,” joining highly-acclaimed titles such as “To Kill a Mockingbird,” “The Catcher in the Rye,” and “Little Women.”

DON’T EVICT THE HOMELESS FROM MY BACKYARD

In an opinion piece for Penn Live and the Patriot-News, English Prof. Christopher Fee P’21 spoke out against the criminalization of homelessness. “Let’s treat everyone with the dignity that we all deserve, and perhaps there won’t be a problem to move,” wrote Fee, who has taught Literature of Homelessness at the College for more than two decades.

Health Sciences Prof. Megan Benka-Coker ’09 was featured in a Gettysburg Times article for her measurement of pollutant levels in the past year on the College’s campus. As part of her work, the article noted that air quality measurements in Gettysburg are freely available online and updated every 10 minutes.

WHAT IS CRITICAL RACE THEORY?

Africana Studies and History Prof. Scott Hancock was a guest on WITF’s “Smart Talk” to discuss critical race theory. “I’d define it as a body of thought that tries to define the extent to which race and racism has shaped the United States, particularly its institutions, like legal, economic governmental systems,” Hancock said.

Sociology Prof. Alecea Standlee wrote an article for the Democrat & Chronicle about love on college campuses. In the piece, she discusses the findings of her ethnographic study, which included interviews with 68 young people between the ages of 18 to 22 about their experiences with online dating.

Sunderman Conservatory of Music Prof. William O’Hara was quoted in a Polygon article about the ancient history of the first note played in the “Lord of the Rings” score. “The monochord represents a kind of origin story for Western music,” O’Hara said.
HALL OF FAME

The Intercollegiate Women’s Lacrosse Coaches Association inducted Carol Cantele ’83, Gettysburg’s head women’s lacrosse coach, into its Hall of Fame in November 2021.

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by Phoebe Doscher ’22

Photo by Aly Leia Weiss ’24
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“Endowment gifts for financial aid have an infinite impact,” said Vice President for College Advancement Tres Mullis P’23. “By creating a permanent source of funding for scholarships, these gifts set the course for deserving students to lead lives of consequence. Support for student financial aid is a critical priority, and raising funds to meet this need will be a central part of a future comprehensive campaign.”

To learn more about this challenge and the impact of endowed scholarships, we invite you to visit www.gettysburg.edu/scholarshipchallenge, or contact Tres Mullis P’23 at 717-337-6498 / tmullis@gettysburg.edu.

PUBLICATIONS

LITERARY LOVE LETTER

New York-based educator Ja’Nai Harris ’16, a current Alumni Board member, wrote an ABC-themed children’s book that serves as a love letter to her second grade students and “a celebration of Black and Brown excellence.” The book, “ABCs That Look Like You & Me,” features prominent figures, including artists; activists; politicians; musicians such as record producer, artist, and songwriter Quincy Jones; and co-founder of the Black Lives Matter movement Ay (formerly Opal) Tometi—all people of color.

“I wanted my students to know that somebody who looks like them cares enough to come into this field and dedicate themselves to them,” said Harris, who majored in English at Gettysburg and now works as an assistant principal in Harlem.

FACULTY

PRaise FOR PROFESSORS

Four faculty members earned professorial distinctions this fall. The Board of Trustees appointed two professors to historic professorships: Chemistry Prof. Shelli Frey to the G. Bowers and Louise Hook Mansdorfer Professorship in Chemistry, and Mathematics Prof. Benjamin Bartlett Kennedy to the Alumni Professorship in Mathematics. The Board of Trustees also appointed two endowed chairs: English Prof. McKinley E. Melton to the Kermit O. Paxton and Renee A. Paxton Endowed Teaching Chair, and Director of Peace and Justice Studies Prof. Hakim Mohandas Amani Williams to the Daria L. and Eric J. Wallach Professorship of Peace and Justice Studies.

ALUMNI

MILITARY EXPERTISE

After graduating from Gettysburg, Murphy Bright ’10 joined the Marines and later went on to co-found a private equity consulting firm, A2E Advisors. The firm uses military principles of discipline, planning, strategy, and expertise to inform best practices for businesses and the government. A2E Advisors also consults on project management, cybersecurity, enterprise resource planning, technology, integration, and data analytics, which dovetails with the infrastructure bill passed by the Senate.

Bright majored in international affairs and political science and minored in history at Gettysburg. He earned his MBA from Syracuse University in between years of service in the Marine Corps Reserves.
STAFF

POTTS’ NEW POSITION

In August 2021, Gettysburg College named Tracie Potts, Washington correspondent for NBC News Channel, the new executive director for The Eisenhower Institute. Potts comes to Gettysburg with nearly three decades of experience reporting in Washington, D.C., on topics ranging from the Supreme Court to four presidential administrations.

Potts aims to enhance the Institute’s visibility, set its strategic direction, and coordinate programs for students that will prepare them for leadership roles. She is well-positioned to provide students with public policy opportunities through a network of experts, internships, programming, nonpartisan discourse, and critical analysis.

“It is my privilege to join The Eisenhower Institute at Gettysburg College,” Potts said. “I look forward to sharing my knowledge, experience, and vision to deepen this work, leveraging the proximity of our nation’s capital to give students a platform to explore their passions and impact our world.”
SUPPORTING STEM

Susan Sweeney ’91 has been named one of the Fiercest Women in Life Sciences by FiercePharma and one of the Top 25 Women Leaders in Modern Healthcare. She works as the senior vice president of global marketing, access, and capabilities at Amgen, one of the world’s leading biotechnology companies. In this role, she is a member of the leadership team that decides if and how the company will move forward with a medicine. With limited dollars to invest, she makes sure the company chooses the medicines that will have the most positive impact on patients. Sweeney, a mother of six, advocates for diversity, equity, and inclusion in the workplace.

“The Gettysburg liberal arts experience, and my exposure to multiple disciplines, taught me how to bring disparate pieces of information together and undeniably made me a better communicator and more effective at my job,” said Sweeney, who double majored in management and German studies at Gettysburg.

ANTI-RACISM ACTIVATION

Last fall, Men’s Head Basketball Coach B.J. Dunne spearheaded an anti-racism talk with Kyle Williams P’23. The racial and social justice experience, called “A Long Talk About the Uncomfortable Truth,” drew more than 100 Gettysburg students and faculty, including student-athletes. Dunne also presented to more than 90 coaches from 48 NCAA programs as part of “A Long Talk,” which aims to dismantle systemic oppression and erase racism in America.

Dunne was recently named to the National Association of Basketball Coaches Committee on Racial Reconciliation, a group that addresses racial injustice within the world of intercollegiate athletics and society at large. Alongside Dunne’s efforts, the College is working to establish the country’s first chapter of the American Anti-Racism Alliance, an organization committed to addressing the root causes of racism to form “a more perfect Union.”

HALL OF FAME

Head women’s lacrosse coach Carol Cantele ’83 was inducted into the Intercollegiate Women’s Lacrosse Coaches Association (IWLCA) Hall of Fame on Nov. 18, 2021. Cantele ranks third in NCAA women’s lacrosse history in wins, and she has guided Gettysburg to three national titles and 12 Centennial Conference championships.

Head softball coach Annette Hunt-Shepherd was part of the inaugural Hall of Fame class at her high school alma mater, Seneca Valley High School, on Sept. 17, 2021. Hunt-Shepherd was a three-sport star in softball, basketball, and football for Seneca Valley and concluded her collegiate softball career at the University of Maryland.

Additionally, Senior Associate Director of Athletics Susan Fumagalli Mahoney was inducted into the South Central Chapter of the Pennsylvania Sports Hall of Fame on Nov. 6, 2021. Fumagalli Mahoney has overseen a host of national and conference championships and has helped student-athletes achieve success both on and off the field of play during her 17 years at Gettysburg.

FACULTY

HISTORY INSTITUTE GRANT

Prof. Jim Downs, the Gilder Lehrman NEH Chair of Civil War Era Studies and History, earned a grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH) to support a two-week institute for higher education faculty to study Reconstruction and Civil War history. The NEH selected Downs’ proposal as one of 239 projects across the nation.

Receiving $163,054 to go toward Downs’ effort, titled “Civil War Archives: A New Social and Cultural History of the Civil War,” he intends to bring in scholars to lecture throughout the program.

“The Institute, which I will be directing, is an effort to rethink the approach to Civil War history by examining the meaning of the archive, which has been of great interest among a range of scholars across the humanities and social sciences,” he said.
ALUMNI

ALUMNI AWARDED
Gettysburg College recognized the recipients of the 2020 and 2021 Young Alumni Achievement Awards during Homecoming Weekend. The 2020 Young Alumni Awards for Service went to Allison Meckley ’05, former Alumni Board of Directors and BOLD Council member, and Justin Kollinger ’10, who co-chaired the DC Alumni Club for several years and also served on BOLD Council. Venture partner at Third Rock health care venture firm Walter Kowtoniuk ’05 and contemporary artist Sneha Shrestha ’10 earned the 2020 Young Alumni Achievement Award for Career Development. The 2021 Young Alumni Achievement Awards for Service were given to Moira Rafferty Sharkey ’07, who has championed Gettysburg in numerous volunteer leadership roles, and Craig Martin ’11, who has served on the Orange & Blue Advisory Council, the BOLD Council, and the Baltimore Alumni Club. Kellen Dwyer ’06, law professor and privacy, cyber, and data strategy lawyer, and Monique Matthews Gore ’06, Gettysburg’s interim executive director of the Office of Multicultural Engagement, were honored with the 2021 Award for Career Development.

ATHLETICS

FALL COMPETITION
The Gettysburg men’s soccer team advanced to the NCAA Division III Tournament for the second consecutive year after earning an at-large bid as the Centennial Conference runner-up. They were one of three fall teams to make playoff appearances, with women’s soccer and volleyball earning bids to the conference playoffs.

Individually, volleyball’s Zanje Kuba-McCoy ’23 became the program’s first All-American in 17 years as an honorable mention selection, while football’s Alex Raimondo ’22 earned Academic All-District First Team recognition from the College Sports Information Directors of America. Kuba-McCoy, Raimondo, Jonathan Molina ’22, and Connor Fife ’23 from men’s soccer; Erika Muskus ’22 from women’s soccer; and Emma Bertrand ’22 from field hockey were all named All-Centennial Conference First Team. Dylan McKeever ’22 and Connor Elliott ’23 from the cross country team grabbed all-region honors with top-35 finishes at the NCAA Division III Mid-Atlantic Regional. Last fall, 94 student-athletes were named to the Centennial Conference Academic Honor Roll.

BLUE’S CLUES MUSE
In September, Nick Jr. brought back Steve Burns, the original host of “Blue’s Clues,” for an anniversary episode and special message. The children’s television channel posted a video on Twitter of Burns addressing his now grown-up fans and acknowledging his abrupt exit from the show to go to college. The video went viral on social media, prompting a segment on “The Late Show with Stephen Colbert.”

Nick Jr.’s Senior Creative Director Rich Deutsch ’00 worked to bring the campaign to life alongside the brand creative team. As he watched the filming of this video, he knew it would be a powerful moment.

“We knew that, for the people who grew up with Steve and who were obsessed with him, and then had to watch him go off to college, it would be impactful,” he said. “If I never make another viral piece, I’ll be so thrilled that the one that we made had such a positive impact on people.”
DOUBLE THE TRADITION

Two classes of Gettysburgians—the Classes of 2025 and 2024—participated in the First-Year Walk this past fall. The Class of 2025 made the traditional trek to the Gettysburg National Cemetery to hear President Lincoln’s Gettysburg Address during Orientation, while the Class of 2024 walked a year and a month later than anticipated due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

President Bob Iuliano recognized the sophomore class for their perseverance over the past year: “Your class is forging a distinctive legacy at Gettysburg College, and your story … is indeed worthy of celebration.” He also shared a message of inspiration with the first-year students: “May you consider the great tasks remaining before you today, as you strive to find higher purpose in this next stage of your life.”

Photo by Shawna Sherrell
ON THE TOPIC OF GROWTH
HOW DO WE LEARN AND GROW THROUGH CHALLENGING SITUATIONS?

Edited by Phoebe Doscher ’22

Nicole Cesanek ’24
Business, organizations, and management major

This past year, I had the incredible honor of working with Mr. G’s Ice Cream and Alpha Delta Pi on a community-wide tab collection bin, benefiting the Ronald McDonald House Charities (RMHC) in Hershey, Pennsylvania. My family and I always collected tabs, but we had nowhere to turn them in.

When I got to college, I wanted to expand this collection to another community. In high school, we collected more than 160 pounds of tabs in one year. Yet, in just two months, we collected 75 pounds for our Gettysburg collection.

Through this process, I gained an appreciation for public policy and learned valuable leadership and communication skills that helped this project succeed. Beyond all, my growth has been defined by the growth of this program and how much it has helped families that utilize RMHC’s resources. I’m very excited to now be a member of Alpha Delta Pi myself and make the lifelong commitment to RMHC through philanthropy efforts with this organization for years to come.

Munya Choga ’12
Co-founder and president of CareerPalz, computer science and economics major

Growing up in Zimbabwe encouraged me to pursue my intellectual curiosity and interests. After graduating from high school, I took a gap year to explore the possibility of getting a U.S. education with the hopes of becoming a Wall Street banker. I landed a scholarship to study at Gettysburg College. However, when I moved to the U.S., I faced challenges that turned into growth opportunities.

Like many international students, I struggled to settle in, particularly with navigating the job search paired with immigration restrictions on student employment. With support from mentors, advisors, and friends, I eventually found my footing and secured an internship at Goldman Sachs in 2011, which led to my first job after college.

Since then, I’ve continued to invest in building technical and business skills while nurturing authentic relationships to create a professional network. I co-founded CareerPalz to assist international students and young professionals who faced similar barriers. To help bridge that gap, we are building and growing this community through partnerships with professionals, academic institutions, and companies.

Brendan Cushing-Daniels
Harold G. Evans Professor of Eisenhower Leadership Studies, professor of economics

In my hardest moments, I benefit from two essential perspectives: others overcome much more than I, and I am supported by family, friends, and faith. I am reminded constantly that I am never alone. If there is one message I would share with our students, it is to ask for help when you need it. One of my goals as a professor is to plug them into the strong Gettysburg Network that wants them to be personally and professionally fulfilled.

In truly difficult moments, I imagine myself on the other side of the trial, reflecting on lessons I learned about myself and the world. Knowing I can rely on those around me gives me the courage to persevere through strife. When I feel overwhelmed or disheartened, I look to those with positive outlooks during far greater challenges to motivate me. I know cancer survivors, students whose homes were destroyed by war and domestic violence, alumni who are combat veterans, and survivors of sexual violence. One of our children, a Marine who recently served in Afghanistan, just kept doing his job despite losing a friend to a suicide attack. Their resiliency is my inspiration.
Anne Ehrlich
Vice president for College Life and dean of students

Growth that matters walks hand in hand with change—and change can be scary. Everyone who has ever gone away to college knows it, and I got a firsthand reminder when I moved here to Gettysburg in July. I left behind my comfortable habitat in Galesburg, Illinois—the people and places that nurtured me—and traded it for a new unknown but exciting prospect of invitation, challenge, and possibility.

The decision to leave my reliable life behind wasn’t an easy one. I was excited to spread my wings, but maybe it was safer to keep my feet on familiar ground. We will all be caught between these conflicting wisdoms throughout our lives, unlikely ever to be able to choose completely confidently between them.

Ultimately, I realized that everything I’ve gained in life, I brought here with me. Those people and places are, in fact, exactly what prepared me for this new period of growth. The past few months have been a lesson about the importance of tending to the two sides of ourselves—the side that embraces life as we know it, and the other side where the possible presents itself, and we are ready to receive it.

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Prof. Brendan Cushing-Daniels

Véronique Delesalle
Professor of biology

There is a tendency outside of the scientific world to view science as a process that marches along a straight path of progress or growth of knowledge. Although there is certainly a significant component of building upon the work of other scientists, the path is rarely linear.

Scientists can propose ideas when the scientific community is not receptive but that will prove insightful later. Advances in technology—for instance, DNA sequencing—allow us to answer questions that could not be answered previously. Some observations or hypotheses stay on the sidelines until we have enough data to make sense of the phenomena they address.

I love science, particularly biology and evolution, because these fields allow me to organize and understand observations or data that otherwise do not make sense. However, I also love science because it forces me from time to time to reevaluate what I know and reorganize my understanding of processes—for example, wondering how the composition of my gut microbiota affects my health. It’s all about building, deconstructing but only when necessary, and rebuilding when appropriate. I like to think that is the true nature of scientific growth.

Pictured: The Cushing-Daniels family

Pictured: The Delesalle family
When David W. ’85 and Cynthia LeCompte ’84 Salisbury P’15 contemplated retiring in Gettysburg, Pennsylvania, they fondly remembered walking down a winding country road just five miles from the Gettysburg College campus and seeing a charming, vacant house, later known to be filled with prints of College buildings and wavy glass windows from the latest Glatfelter Hall renovation. A large portion of the Confederate troops retreated down this road after the Battle of Gettysburg. It radiated a sense of history, community, and nostalgia unattainable anywhere else, adding a unique proposition for the Salisburys—renovate this home formerly owned by fellow alumnus David Scott ’83 and remain forever connected to the College, where five generations of their family have attended.

“Retirement for us was not to be insulated in a rural setting,” said the Salisburys, who bought the house in 2017 and moved into it in 2019. “We wanted access to an academic institution that had great programs that we could participate in as alums and as residents.”

Today, the former Polytek Development Corp. colleagues are active and engaged members of the Gettysburg Network and Gettysburg community. David, a member of the College’s Board of Trustees, is the president of the board of directors for the Land Conservancy of Adams County and has helped preserve more than 12,000 acres of land in Adams County. Cynthia has continually assisted with the Giving Spree for the Adams County Community Foundation, raising more than $3 million in donations for local nonprofits in just the last year alone. Together, the chemistry majors and Benefactors Circle members return to campus on numerous occasions for chemistry lectures, Eisenhower Institute programs, and Majestic Theater productions.

“Being alumni really adds value,” they said, seeing themselves as lifelong learners. “We believe that if you can give back, then you should give back. That has become a core premise of how we’re going to live our lives moving forward. We want to do that with organizations that truly make an impact on people’s lives. That includes institutions like Gettysburg College, where students are in formative years.”

For the Salisburys, the Majestic Theater and other opportunities through the Gettysburg Network are major connectors between the College and the community, as they offer growth, sustainability, and “a more experiential learning environment.”

“We really care about growing that bridge between the College and the community,” they said. “The College is going through a strategic planning process and curriculum review. President Bob [Iuliano] has done a great job. He has big ambitions, he’s a deep thinker, and he’s a good listener. We know we’re in a really good place to see all this come together.”

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understand the full meaning of a word or a thoughtfully threaded string of words, English Prof. Christopher Fee P’21, a self-proclaimed word nerd, says you need to delve deeper than the dictionary itself. Just like people and places, tangible objects and abstract ideas, words too have an origin story—an explanation of why things are the way they are. For words, this is found through etymology.

“The primary meaning of the word consequential is ‘having ramifications;’ that is, the effects of actions, in this case, the lasting impact of a Gettysburg education. Ultimately, the word comes from the Latin verb consequi, meaning ‘to follow along,’” Fee said.

In the phrase, A Consequential Education, consequential is a modifier for education—a noun that is widely thought to have two Latin roots, educare and educere. Fee further explained.

“One means ‘to raise’ or ‘to train,’ and the other means ‘to lead out.’ The latter of these is much more in line with my ideal of a Gettysburg education because educere is growth-oriented.”

When connected in the context of Gettysburg College, linguist and Africana Studies Prof. Jennifer Bloomquist says the two words take on a new meaning.

“Education is abstract, broad, and that’s one of the things we embrace as a liberal arts and sciences school. We’re certainly dedicated to classical education in the way that most people define it, but one of the things that we value at Gettysburg—and we see this in the development of our new curriculum and our strategic plan—is all of the things that wrap around the classical education,” said Bloomquist, who is also associate provost of faculty development and dean of social sciences and interdisciplinary programs.

“The hope is, that while students are here at Gettysburg, they’re getting all the tools they need to then go out and be of consequence in the world, through whatever they choose to do,” she continued. “It’s something we are deeply invested in.”

As Bloomquist noted, through the College’s Living Our Promise strategic planning process, we are incessantly reflecting on the promise we make to our students—both now and always—to provide an education that matters and whose impact is abundantly tangible in the world. A promise to provide A Consequential Education.

Here at Gettysburg College, A Consequential Education is more than a phrase. They are the words we’ve carefully chosen to define the distinct education we offer. “Consequential” is a way of being—a driving force found in each component of our community. It takes hold in our hearts and enriches our minds. And, as we choose, daily, to live these words, they become something greater. They step off the page.

CONSEQUENTIAL
SINCE 1832

A liberal arts and sciences education at Gettysburg College offers an intentional and holistic integration of academic and co-curricular programming, which equips students with the experiences, foundational skills, and confidence to navigate life after graduation.

Fundamentally, Emeritus Philosophy Prof. Daniel DeNicola, former provost and vice president for program development, says a liberal education prepares people for a life that is “flourishing.” In his book, “Learning to Flourish: A Philosophical Exploration of Liberal Education,” he describes the five threads through which you can find a flourishing life: the transmission of culture, self-actualization, an understanding of the world, engaging with the world, and acquisition of the skills of learning and the disposition to use them.

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“My notion of a liberal arts and sciences education is that you’re getting that kind of foundation where you’re in the water. It’s in your fiber, and it’s in the air that you breathe. It’s an education for life,” adds Stephen J. Nelson ’69, an author of several books on higher education, including most recently, “The Shape and Shaping of the College and University in America: A Lively Experiment.”

Upon reflecting on his education from Gettysburg College, however, Nelson believes Gettysburg is a special breed of liberal arts—a leader among other institutions. Our unique and consequential approach follows President Abraham Lincoln’s charge put forth in 1863 during his Gettysburg Address following the Battle of Gettysburg.
But springboarding from our historic past, we have also created a culture of passionate doers, where students eagerly immerse themselves in their studies and faculty do more than teach—they Do Great Work, which in turn, inspires the great work of Gettysburg students.

“What I was offered in totality at Gettysburg, there’s no way Brown, Harvard, or Amherst could have matched that—and the list of prestigious institutions could go on and on,” Nelson continued. “Pieces of my Gettysburg education and experience might have been had somewhere else, but not the whole package that Gettysburg blessed me with.”

It’s the space between the literal meaning of the words consequential and education where we set ourselves apart—between their origin story, our origin story that’s grounded in something much bigger than ourselves, and the lasting significance of a liberal arts and sciences education. It’s here where we have long begun to own and articulate the meaning of consequence within A Consequential Education.

“Consequential captures the value of intellectualism, which I emphasized during my presidency,” said Charles Glassick, Gettysburg College’s 11th president who served from 1977 to 1988. “It also has the implication of a continuing and lifelong aspect to a Gettysburg College education. You carry these valuable tools you gained with you in life to prosper both as a human being and a member of society—and you do so with joy.”

For many Gettysburgians, this enduring sense of joyful purpose can be traced back to a transformational moment at Gettysburg, or perhaps, a person who left a profound impact. For Mariam Aghayan ’17, it wasn’t just one moment or one person. It was a culmination of moments and a community of people.
Aghayan moved from her home country of Armenia when she was 10, and she was the first in her family to attend college in the United States. During her college search, she said it was a generous financial aid package and a handwritten note from Dean of Admissions Gail Sweezy, who not only offered congratulations but also remembered little details from Aghayan’s admissions interview, such as her Armenian ancestry, that made her decision easy. That one decision continues to impact her life today, in both small and substantial ways.

During her first year at Gettysburg, Aghayan asked now-retired Fielding Center Director and Political Science Prof. Shirley Anne Warshaw to be her academic advisor, and she has since become a life advisor and friend. A few years ago, when Aghayan underwent an emergency cesarean section upon the birth of her daughter, she remembers a white orchid waiting for her at home with a note penned by Warshaw: “Congratulations, Momma.” On the first Valentine’s Day after a difficult divorce in the years that followed, she received a bouquet of red roses from her Eisenhower Institute Fielding Fellow colleagues—a gesture, though little, is one of many that she will hold close to her heart forever.

Aghayan now works as a major gifts officer for Pomfret School, an independent coeducational college preparatory school in Connecticut—work which she finds greatly consequential.

“I’m so incredibly grateful for Gettysburg, having access to its consequential education, and having people invest in me during my time at the College, and still, to this day. It, in turn, has allowed me to pay it forward in my work by investing in others,” Aghayan said. “It fills me with joy to know that I’m playing a role in creating opportunities and breaking cycles.”
For **Joshua Eyler ’00**, Fee was the force who forged his path to a purposeful life. As an English major, Eyler took numerous classes with Fee before he graduated, and in those classes, he said he never laughed so hard nor learned so much.

Eyler believes it was Fee’s balanced mix of enthusiasm and compassion, coupled with his commitment to the cultivation of the whole student and his ability to creatively connect subjects such as the Middle Ages to the modern world, that transformed his trajectory. So much so that Eyler, who originally thought he wanted to major in history at Gettysburg College, graduated with an English degree and followed a path familiar to Fee, earning a doctorate in medieval studies from Fee’s alma mater, and has thus far spent his entire career in higher education.

“One evening, before I left to begin my PhD program at the University of Connecticut, I had dinner with Chris [Fee] and asked him why he had helped me so much during my time as a student. Was there any way, I wondered, that I could repay him for his teaching and his kindness? He simply said that he hoped I would do the same thing for a student if I were ever in a position similar to his. I told him I would, and it is not an exaggeration to say that this promise is the foundation on which I have built my career,” Eyler wrote in the introduction of his book, “How Humans Learn: The Science and Stories Behind Effective College Teaching,” which he dedicated, in part, to Fee.

“I worked alongside faculty who really did believe in the power of education, and that to me is what I most associate with A Consequential Education from Gettysburg,” Eyler said, further reflecting on what made his time at Gettysburg so formative. “It was much more than just teaching. It was more about building a life that would contribute to change in a way meaningful to us. It was about who we were going to become as people.”

**CHANGE IS THE ONLY CONSTANT**

On Sept. 26, 2021, **Lauren W. Bright ’90** returned to campus to address the Class of 2020 during their Commencement ceremony, with poise and a bit of nervous excitement. Speaking at a delayed ceremony due to a world-changing global pandemic is not an easy undertaking, but Bright’s education, life experiences, and professional expertise working for the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation positioned her well.

Empathizing with the challenges the graduating class faced, she spoke of the growth that often comes from such moments. Bright reflected on several memories from her early days at Gettysburg and how these unexpected opportunities and interactions inside and outside of the classroom helped her to build confidence and resilience—qualities she’s carried with her in life.

She further noted that life will always present obstacles and challenges, and she encouraged the graduates to long remember the experiences on campus that pushed them to reach beyond the familiar and comfortable, to continue exploring and learning about life from a different vantage point.

“How you carry that growth forward is what Gettysburg College is about,” Bright said in her remarks, later alluding to change as life’s only constant—a concept quite familiar to **Hayley Hoffman ’83**.

When Hoffman graduated from Gettysburg, she had her eyes set on theater. She landed a job at Baltimore Center Stage, where she worked for several seasons. During the off-season, she had to find other work, waiting tables as she awaited its return. This part-time gig eventually became full time when the restaurant needed to fill a catering and event planning position, which Hoffman did enthusiastically, learning how to make French pastries and charcuterie.

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*Mariam Aghayan ’17*
Following the pulls of her passions, Hoffman later relocated to New York City, then Tennessee, Chicago, and, finally, Washington, D.C., where she bounced from being an international cheese buyer to designing costumes for an off-Broadway show, working as a chef in a local restaurant, and managing an American handcraft store. Sickness and divorce were speed bumps in her journey, but these bumps guided her to the joy of homeschooling her kids, inspiring them, too, to pursue their passions. In the years that followed, life led her to find new love, remarry, and land where she never thought she would—as a relationship counselor, where she’s now remained for well over a decade.

Hoffman wouldn’t change a thing. The meaningful meandering, the hills, and the valleys all molded her into the truest version of herself, and she credits this lifelong expedition of self-discovery to Gettysburg College.

“A Consequential Education to me is so much more than the academic experience. The opportunity to discover a love of learning is critical, and there were many instances where that happened to me at Gettysburg,” Hoffman said. “It gave me the grounding and confidence to be able to learn anything, at any time, in any way, and in any place. It gave me more than I could have ever imagined.”

A SHARED PATH FORWARD

One thing that has remained steadfast in Hoffman’s journey, no matter where life has led her, is her passion for serving others—a passion first sparked as an Admissions tour guide at Gettysburg. Sometimes, it might have been as simple as a soft smile, saying, “Hello,” or listening to a customer who needed someone to confide in. Other times, it was caring for her family or counseling those in need of guidance or direction.

“Being in service to others is part of my fabric. It’s part of my history. It’s part of the tapestry of who I am,” she said. It’s the case for many other Gettysburgians, too.

We see it alive in Nelson, Aghayan, Bright, Eyler, and all Gettysburg graduates who choose to carry their Gettysburg College education with them in their lives to challenge the status quo, ask critical questions, and contribute to change in their unique way. We see it vibrantly across campus in the lives of current students, who through their studies and various co-curricular activities, are finding their purpose—a path forward.

Alexia Ferraro ’24, a first-generation college student double majoring in political science and women, gender, and sexuality studies, aspires to work as a women’s rights attorney, a path inspired by her First-Year Seminar with Prof. Stephanie Sellers: Women’s Health and Sexuality. Daniel Jones ’22 spent the summer and fall semesters studying Arabic globally in Jordan. Leveraging the opportunities he’s seized on campus and internationally, he aims to find a job where he can merge his interests in policy and research, upon his graduation in May. Meem Noshin Nawal Khan ’24, an international student from Bangladesh, is passionate about returning to her home country one day to pursue a career as an environmental chemist—combating two large-scale issues: environmental pollution and climate change.

No two Gettysburgians are the same—each unique in their passions, pursuits, and the paths they choose to follow—but at their core, they’re alike in their curiosity-driven desire for more. They enduringly embody the notion that a life of consequence starts here at Gettysburg College—and it doesn’t end here. A Consequential Education propels you toward the future. Its reverberations can be felt in perpetuity throughout the course of your life.
“[The articulation of A Consequential Education] is part of a broader strategy to chart the course of the College in the future. It’s accessing, understanding, and publicly stating the College’s values, which have been long-held, and what we can offer to the next generation of students and alumni, who are looking to be a force for good in the broader society,” said Julius Redd ’07, a member of the College’s President’s Advisory Circle and a principal at Beveridge & Diamond’s Washington, D.C., office, where he represents clients in complex environmental and commercial litigation.

Those who come here, to this College—surrounded by both history and opportunity—further develop their deep-rooted determination and ambition to take up the great and unfinished work of our time. Embracing this work with your whole heart and mind takes a special kind of person, purposefully positioned in this one-of-a-kind place. It requires a truly consequential education—a Gettysburg College education.

“As Gettysburgians, we live and learn in the echo of Lincoln’s words. It is what connects us across the generations and calls us to build a better world,” Gettysburg College President Bob Iuliano said. “Our community believes in this noble charge and commits to it fully. We always have and always will. Perhaps now more than ever, so many throughout this nation and our society are counting on us to live our promise. We will deliver.”
HONORING THE INDIGENOUS
The Land Acknowledgment Statement formally recognizes the land on which Gettysburg College sits is Indigenous land.

by Katelyn Silva
The land beneath and around Gettysburg College was—and still is to this day—home to various Indigenous nations. Throughout history, this historic region was used as a thoroughfare for travel and trade. In river-edge communities, the Seneca people would hunt, fish, and grow the Three Sisters—corn, beans, and squash. Along the Susquehanna River, the Conestoga tribe would live in wooden-framed longhouses, covered with bark. East of Gettysburg, extending into Adams County and the surrounding area, the Lenni-Lenape tribe would have been known among other nations as peacemakers and diplomats. While Pennsylvania does not recognize sovereign land claims for any Native American nation, prior to settler colonization, this area was rich with distinct Indigenous cultures. Unfortunately, their histories, contributions, and lives are too often erased.

“We all know the history of the Battle of Gettysburg. I learned that in high school growing up in Pennsylvania,” said Katherine Mangione ’22, whose hometown of Doylestown, Pennsylvania, is less than a three-hour drive from campus. “What many of us were never taught in high school, and often still don’t know, is the Indigenous history of the land here and surrounding our campus.”

Interdisciplinary Studies Prof. Stephanie Sellers, who has taught at Gettysburg for 20 years and is a senior advisor on its Land Acknowledgement Committee, is the first faculty member in the history of the College to have a PhD in Native American Studies. For those unaware of Native American history, she recognizes this discipline could be difficult to discern.

“The shock is: ‘Why don’t I know this?’ ‘Why haven’t I heard of these things before?’ Those are compelling questions that students are bringing to me year after year,” Sellers said. “Thankfully, we have these amazing students at Gettysburg who are eager and open to learning and who are pushing to expand that knowledge outward.”

Mangione, a history major and religious studies minor, first learned of the deep Indigenous roots in and around Gettysburg College, as well as the violence of colonization, when she enrolled in Native American Religious Traditions with Religious Studies Prof. David Walsh. As a non-Native student, she was appalled while reading accounts of trauma from Indigenous voices and the ongoing issues affecting Indigenous communities.

“I wanted to do something,” she said.
TA K I N G MEANINGFUL ACTION

On campus, the Students for Indigenous Awareness (SIA) Club, advised by Walsh, currently has 56 members of both Indigenous and non-Indigenous backgrounds, including Mangione. It works to celebrate and empower Indigenous narratives and culture in the Gettysburg community and bring awareness of the adversities that Indigenous individuals and communities have faced and continue to face.

“The SIA was formed in 2016 because of our students,” said Walsh. “They wanted to be able to do something positive for the history of Gettysburg but also for the Indigenous body on campus and in the community.”

When current SIA leader Samuel Ventimiglia ’22 arrived at Gettysburg, he was looking to join a club that shared his passions for allyship. In high school, the Maryland native was a youth ambassador with The Tipi Raisers, a nonprofit that works to raise awareness of the conditions of the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation in South Dakota, empowering Native youth. After being introduced to SIA by a friend in his first year, he felt an urgency to encourage the Gettysburg community—students, alums, faculty, staff, and leadership— to join him in asking critical questions and engaging in positive action.

“The memory of Gettysburg’s Civil War history is drilled into our collective memory, but how often do we reflect on the history and continuing legacy of the Indigenous peoples who used to live on this land, who were unjustly removed, and who continue to have an active presence in the area?” asked Ventimiglia. “When we omit parts of history, we fabricate an ahistorical, yet powerful memory.”

PUTTING PEN TO PAPER

Last year, Gettysburg College released a Land Acknowledgement Statement to formally recognize that the land on which the campus sits is Indigenous land. The full Statement—written during the 2020-21 winter break by members of the College community, including then-SIA president Sydney Dranow ’21 and then-vice president Mary Kate Danberg ’21, Anthropology Prof. Kirby Farah, Indigenous students and alumni, and more—reads:

Gettysburg College is on unceded Indigenous land including the traditional homelands of the Susquehannock/Conestoga, Seneca and the Haudenosaunee Confederacy, Leni Lenape, and Shawnee Nations, and the connections of Indigenous Peoples to this land continue today. We have a responsibility to honor these connections and we strive to understand our place within the past, present, and future of this Indigenous land by reflecting on our relationships with the human and other-than-human relatives with whom it is shared.

This effort was years in the making, as the idea for this Statement was first introduced by the SIA club in 2016 under the leadership of SIA co-founders Samantha Trueman ’17, Kristy Garcia ’17, and Mary Margaret Blum ’18.

“We all took classes with Dr. Stephanie Sellers, who deeply inspired us to become activists for Native rights,” explained Trueman, who has Blackfoot ancestry. “As a forester and environmental activist, it means quite a lot to me to know that the original peoples of this land had intricate societies and advanced infrastructure, while still living harmoniously with nature. It’s imperative for people to comprehend the alternate possibility of a more sustainable society.

“Additionally, in order for people to truly comprehend and support Indigenous rights, we must collectively understand and name that the erasure of Native people has been systematically implemented through government legislature since the Euro-Americans’ arrival and continues to this day,” Trueman continued. “The SIA club and efforts like the Land Acknowledgement Statement help to build that understanding.”

In 2018, Keira Koch ’19 and Colleen Kazokas ’19 began garnering support for the project. Koch wrote the Statement’s first draft, which former chaplain Rev. Dr. Kristin Largen began incorporating into her Baccalaureate prayer. In October 2020, Largen invited Walsh to speak with the Interfaith Leadership Fellows, a group of Gettysburg College students that included SIA members, and following an engaging dialogue, Walsh and Largen joined others on campus to create an official College statement.
Together, with the help of Jeanne Arnold, the College’s chief diversity officer at the time, they established the Land Acknowledgement Committee—“a no-brainer” according to Environmental Studies Prof. Salma Monani, who teaches courses related to the environment and Indigenous communities. Through her current book project, “Indigenous Ecocinema,” which highlights the environmental dimensions of films by contemporary Canadian First Nations’ producers, Monani recognized that this attempt to understand Native history is global.

“Right now, there’s a really concerted effort—not just within academia but as a nation and beyond—to grapple with this notion of what kind of historical stories we’ve been telling and how they affect the present,” Monani said. “That’s really important. The Land Acknowledgement Statement is a means of getting a more accurate picture of this area, but also to acknowledge how that history is integral to the present.”

Samantha Karns ’23, who is Tuscarora and the voice of the Land Acknowledgement Statement in its video form, agreed that the Indigenous history in Gettysburg, Pennsylvania, is critical in understanding the history of the College.

“It helps us educate ourselves on the diverse history and cultures of Indigenous peoples, as well as understand the impact of colonialism both historically and currently,” Karns said. “As students at Gettysburg, it is important for us to know the history of the land that we are on because it is part of the history of the College, as well as the larger Gettysburg and Adams County area.”

Publishing the Land Acknowledgement Statement was a step in the right direction. But ensuring it endures is pivotal. That is now the goal of the SIA. Since the release of the Statement, the student club has collaborated with other organizations and academic departments on campus to host educational discussions about Indigenous peoples in support of the Statement.

On Oct. 5, 2021, the club and committee co-hosted a panel on the presence and role of Indigenous peoples in Pennsylvania, featuring the creators of “Ghost River: The Fall and Rise of the Conestoga”—author Lee Francis IV (Laguna Pueblo), artist Weshoyot Alvitre (Tonga), project editor Will Fenton, and community advisors Sandi Cianciulli (Oglala Lakota), MaryAnn Robins (Onondaga Nation), and Curtis Zunigha (Lenape and former Chief of the Delaware Tribe of Indians). Their educational graphic novel shares the difficult history of the Conestoga people, who suffered heavy losses from disease and warfare after colonization, especially the 20 remaining tribe members in the state who were violently murdered in 1763 by white settlers.

“We must be careful that land acknowledgement statements don’t treat Native people as artifacts to study,” Sellers added. “Instead, we must ensure that they are including the living people today and moving forward deep conversations, awareness, and actions.”
SUSTAINING FORWARD MOMENTUM

Bringing greater awareness to Gettysburg’s Indigenous history extends from the classroom into the community. In March 2021, the SIA club partnered with Musselman Library. Assistant Dean and Director of Scholarly Communications Janelle Wertzberger, a member of the Land Acknowledgement Committee, curated books about Indigenous identities and the histories of colonization, with an emphasis on Indigenous perspectives and authorship, as part of the Indigenous Identity on Colonized Land Virtual Collection. The College also began the practice of reciting the Land Acknowledgment Statement at marquee events, including Opening Convocation, the Midyear Graduate Recognition Ceremony, and Commencement.

The Painted Turtle Farm—a campus-community hub for food justice jointly run by the College’s Center for Public Service and community organization Casa de la Cultura, the latter which promotes the cultural rights of immigrants—also reads the Statement before every shift. The farm now honors the land’s Indigenous past by growing the “Three Sisters” with Native seeds, an initiative launched by Katie Mercer ’21. This gardening practice where corn, beans, and squash nurture each other is rooted in a Native American traditional story where three women helped their people thrive during a long winter when food was scarce. Mercer, the former program coordinator for the farm, envisioned the garden after reading the book “Braiding Sweetgrass” by Robin Wall Kimmerer, a botanist and member of the Citizen Potawatomi Nation, who will speak on campus on Sept. 19.

Through these efforts and more, members of our community feel inspired, including Sarah Gilsoul ’22, an environmental studies major from Utah who is advised by Monani. For her senior thesis, Gilsoul is creating a virtual story map that allows visitors to the College website to engage in a virtual tour of nearby Indigenous locations, including the sites of the Conestoga massacre and Painted Turtle Farm’s Three Sisters initiative.

“I will not be able to do justice to the living history here in just one year, so my hope is that this project will be a continuing and collaborative one,” said Gilsoul, who added that this project is just one small effort to continue an essential conversation.

To learn more about the Land Acknowledgement Statement, visit www.gettysburg.edu/land.

WHO OWNS THE PAST?

A First-Year Seminar spotlight with Anthropology Prof. Kirby Farah

At its core, the First-Year Seminar Who Owns The Past? Cultural Heritage and Contested Histories takes a deep dive into the meaning of heritage. Anthropology Prof. Kirby Farah helps students grasp a concept that is constantly being recreated in the present. What do we inherit from the past, and how do we apply it to the present day?

From the UNESCO World Heritage Lists to local American heritage, students learn to engage in ethical debates about ownership, responsibility, and authenticity through real-world case studies. Topics include identity, race, indigeneity, colonialism, nationalism, tourism, development, warfare, and more. During the fall semester, Farah’s class went on a field trip to the Carlisle Indian Industrial School, a residential school for Native children in the late 1800s and early 1900s.

“It was like a boarding school, but it focused on cultural assimilation of Native Americans,” said Farah. “When students first arrived, they were ‘cleansed’ and their hair was cut short. The students had to speak English, and they were basically socialized into an American way of being. Even beyond what was lost because of colonization and forced displacement, Indian schools were just another concerted effort made by our federal government to separate Native peoples from their cultural heritage and from their identities. These schools were active in the 20th century, so this is not some obscure, ancient practice happening in the early days of colonization. No. This is our recent past.”

For many students in her class, they were not taught about this part of history prior to coming to Gettysburg College.

“So many elements of American history are just not taught,” continued Farah. “I think it leads to the divide that we see in our country today.”

Because of that erasure, Farah hopes her students not only get a better understanding of the past, but also approach history with a more critical eye, asking questions such as: Who is the messenger of this information? Why is this piece of information remembered, but not others? What does that say about our country today?

As an archaeologist whose primary research focuses on the Aztec period in central Mexico, Farah remains intrigued by the ways in which heritage is recreated strategically to meet contemporary needs.

“I’ve always been interested in heritage and how people remember the past because the community where I work has been continuously occupied since the Spanish conquest of what is now Mexico. That gave me a hyperawareness about heritage as a concept,” Farah said. “My students quickly learned that it’s a really difficult term to define.”
IF WALLS COULD TALK, WHAT STORIES WOULD OUR BUILDINGS SHARE? EACH BUILDING ON THE GETTYSBURG COLLEGE CAMPUS HAS WITNESSED BOTH CHALLENGES AND CELEBRATIONS THROUGHOUT HISTORY. STEP BACK IN TIME AND INTO SEVEN BUILDINGS WHOSE STORIES LIVE ON TODAY.
An undercurrent of history flows through every wall on the Gettysburg College campus. Founded in 1832, the campus originated in a building that still stands today—on the corner of South Washington Street and High Street.

Over time, our campus expanded and had a front row seat to America’s history. Standing in the midst of the defining Battle of Gettysburg during the Civil War, our buildings lend themselves to a curious mind: How many footsteps echoed in the same hallways? How many faces peered out of the same windows?

Each building has witnessed the ebb and flow of students, faculty, and staff. For nearly two centuries, they have taken in the challenges and celebrations of the College’s most momentous occasions, enduring with resilience and transformation.

Discover the stories of seven buildings on the Gettysburg College campus that have left a lasting mark on our history.
According to College Historian and History Prof. Michael J. Birkner ’72, P’10, the building that has undergone the most transformation and is still standing to this day is Pennsylvania Hall, also known as Penn Hall.

It was the first structure to be built on the land our campus exists on today and remains one of our most iconic buildings. Penn Hall serves as a focal point for our traditions, including Convocation and Commencement, and it was where campus life was centered in years past.

Penn Hall, fondly known by many as “Old Dorm,” was once a residence hall for students, an academic building with classrooms, the home of the College president, and the location for the College library and bookstore. During the Civil War, it also served as a hospital for Confederate and Union soldiers. In the 1970s, it was renovated to become an administrative office space as new residence halls were constructed across campus.
Although Linnean Hall is no longer on campus, its history is still discussed today. This building was designed by a faculty member named Herman Haupt, and it was partially constructed with the help of students.

“Haupt went on to fame as an engineer during the Civil War,” Birkner said. “He was someone whom President Lincoln was very pleased with because he was so helpful in terms of making it possible to get things moved by rail.”

Linnean Hall was built to be a center for scientific exploration and inquiry, including housing a mineral collection. In 1890, it was transformed into the College gymnasium until Plank Gym was built in 1927. Eventually, it became a storage facility. It was demolished in 1942 following encouragement from the student body because of its deterioration.
**BRUA CHAPEL**
(also known as Kline Theatre)
*Groundbreaking: 1888*

Brua Chapel was built with donated funds from Colonel John P. Brua, who wished to memorialize his parents. He died before the chapel’s cornerstone was laid. Both Glatfelter Hall and Brua Chapel were built with stone from the same quarry.

Initially serving as the chapel and auditorium for the student body, the campus population soon outgrew Brua’s space and that purpose was discontinued when Christ Chapel opened in 1953. Undergoing several transformations, it today serves as a performance space. Elements of the chapel still remain in the woodwork, as do cherub figurines, the outline of sealed windows, and the bell tower. Brua Chapel is the chapel referred to in the College’s Alma Mater.
Glatfelter Hall’s cornerstone was laid on June 27, 1888, the same day as the groundbreaking ceremony for Brua Chapel and close to the 25th anniversary of the Battle of Gettysburg. Originally called Recitation Hall, Glatfelter Hall served as a center for classroom learning and provided opportunities for the student literary societies of the time.

“Students were able to get intellectually stimulated in the literary societies where they would have debates over whether or not the United States should be involved in a war with Spain [and] should the United States embrace women’s suffrage—those types of contemporary issues,” Birkner shared. “The literary societies were a perfect vehicle to have those discussions because they weren’t happening in class.”

In the original plans, a chapel was to be built where the back patio to Glatfelter Hall is now. However, due to a lack of funds, money was instead donated separately to build Brua Chapel. Both Brua Chapel and Glatfelter Hall share the same architect, John A. Dempwolf, who left his mark on the outside of each building.
A TRADITION THAT RINGS

A continuous restoration process for the Glatfelter Bell

Every hour on the hour, Gettysburg College students, faculty, and staff will hear chimes from the bell in Glatfelter Hall—and it has rung on campus since 1892. Echoes from the bell tower have also been heard following football victories or major events like Commencement.

The first bell purchased by the College lived in Pennsylvania Hall’s Cupola, and in 1889, it moved to a newly constructed building, then-Recitation Hall, now known as Glatfelter Hall. In 1892, this bell was retired when Mrs. John Wiseman and William Glatfelter made a donation to the College to purchase a new one in honor of Wiseman’s parents. The original bell was brought out of storage in 1963 to be installed in the tower of Christ Chapel.

During the summer of 2021, the College completed a renovation project to the structure below the Glatfelter Bell, which included improving the safety and access to the bell by replacing the roof that sits below it and the supports that have held it in place for more than a century.

Photo by Abbey Frisco
WEIDENSTALL HALL
Year Built: 1919    Rebuilt: 1947

Weidensall Hall was built in large part thanks to the fundraising efforts of the local Women’s League and the idea of establishing a “Christian Social Hall” for students.

In 1911, the Woman’s League of Gettysburg College was formed after a meeting in Brua Chapel and comprised multiple sub-leagues in Pennsylvania. The members consisted of women who were involved in Lutheran churches throughout the region. Together, they helped raise money for a College YMCA secretary position and also contributed donations toward student activities. In 1915, the Woman’s League took on the monumental project of fundraising for Weidensall Hall.

The original plans for the building did not include the two additional side wings that stand today. After a fire in 1946 that burned a large part of Weidensall, the wings were added in the next rendition of the building.
Weidensall Hall once had an active swimming pool for students. A view of the unfilled pool circa 1924

Weidensall Hall circa 1929-1930, prior to the addition of the wings on the building

Weidensall Hall’s lobby around 1924
AFRICANA STUDIES & ECONOMICS BUILDING
(339 Carlisle Street)
Year Purchased by the College: 2010

The 339 Carlisle Street structure was first built as a private residence by Colonel Charlie H. Buehler, Class of 1844. Over several decades, the house held families with close ties to campus. Buehler, who served on the College’s Board of Trustees, later sold the house to J. Emory Bair in 1891. Bair served on the College’s Board of Trustees from 1896 to 1909.

Bair’s wife’s niece, Mary Catharine Kohler, Class of 1909, was raised in the home as the Bairs’ only child. Kohler later married Clyde Berger in 1919 and raised their four children in the home. In 1938, the Berger family, who owned Katalysine Springs in Gettysburg, sold bottles of the spring water outside of their house during the 75th anniversary of the Battle of Gettysburg. In total, members of three generations of the Berger family lived in the home and attended Gettysburg College.

In 1951, the Berger family leased 339 Carlisle Street to the Alpha Theta Chi fraternity, which became Theta Chi in 1952 and later purchased the home in 1958. The College bought the house in 2010 and renovations commenced in 2013, when it officially became the home of the Africana Studies and Economics Departments.
During the late 1830s, the College established a Preparatory Department that provided boys in the local community an education for two to three years and introduced them to the campus if they wanted to move on to further studies. Over the years, the Preparatory Department was housed in various buildings on campus. Huber Hall was built in 1916 for the Preparatory Department—rebranded as the Gettysburg Academy—during President William Anthony Granville’s tenure. Initially called the Main Building, it was renamed in 1941 to Huber Hall in honor of Charles H. Huber, Class of 1892. During his time here, Huber served as the principal of the Preparatory Department, the headmaster of the Gettysburg Academy, and the director of the Women’s Division of the College.

At the time Huber Hall was built, Granville instructed the architect, George C. Baum, Class of 1893, to have all new buildings resemble a similar style as Pennsylvania Hall. Huber Hall included a dining hall on its premises.

In 1930, the Board of Trustees made the decision to bar women from a Gettysburg College education. They reversed this decision in 1935. Huber Hall was turned into a female-only residence hall, and the Gettysburg Academy was closed.
very time we uncover archaeological treasures, they transport us back in time to share a story of the people who created them—and Art History Prof. Yan Sun enjoys every minute of it.

Spending her career investigating the complex history of Chinese material culture between the late second millennium and the late eighth century B.C.E.—from Bronze Age tombs to Chinese inscriptions cast on bronze vessels—Sun dives into the social and political climate of the times to understand the culture, people, and society from a new lens.

“[My work is] interdisciplinary,” she said. “It is not a traditional art historical study, but it’s not archaeological work because I don’t do field work. It’s more a material culture study.”

Material culture study encompasses physical objects such as vessels and artifacts—the kind one might find in a museum—and their archaeological contexts, such as tombs and settlements.

In July 2021, Sun released “Many Worlds Under One Heaven,” a book about the Zhou rule and overthrow of the Shang Dynasty during the 11th century B.C.E. She depicts this overthrow using newly excavated Chinese artifacts to uncover a more intricate history of negotiation between the voices on the frontier—or those outside of the kingdom—and the ruling dynasty.

“I’m interested in how the local people negotiated their identity in this newly built, newly constructed state,” she explained. “That’s what I talk about in the book: the process of negotiation and the building of the cultural identity.”

by Phoebe Doscher ’22
Growing up in Beijing, Sun began appreciating history from a young age. She grew up in a Manchu family, meaning she was linked to the group that founded the last dynastic power in China, the Qing. As a result, she regularly visited sites connected to this dynastic history, including the imperial palaces at the Forbidden City, Beihai Park, the Summer Palace, and the Temple of Heaven. There, Sun fell in love with the rich history of architectural sites.

When she enrolled as an undergraduate student at China’s prestigious Peking University, Sun selected the archaeology and museum studies tracks. The path led to an unexpected passion for museum studies, linking material art to history.

“I was among one of the first classes taking courses on museum studies,” she said, hearkening back to the opportunity to help with exhibitions in the Sackler Museum at Peking University, including the layout and wall labels for an exhibition of tomb carvings from the Han Dynasty. “I really benefited from that experience, so in retrospect, I feel like I really want my students to be able to have that experience here at Gettysburg.”

Working closely with Carolyn Sautter, the director of the Special Collections, and Shannon Egan, the director of the Schmucker Art Gallery, Sun utilizes the rich collection of Asian art available in Gettysburg’s Special Collections and the curatorial opportunities at the Schmucker Art Gallery for both teaching and learning. She breathes life into lessons through firsthand accounts of Chinese architecture and art, from personal photos of the sites to lessons in traditional calligraphy.

Sun shares her passion for embedding herself in Chinese history with her students, passing the torch to future generations. “I grew up going to these places and always wanted to learn more about the family history and the Manchu culture,” she said. “I tell my students [about my visits to] archaeological sites and what kind of objects I see. I share my experiences and wisdom—I thought that’d make it more interesting,” she continued. “I still feel so close, even nowadays, to the historical sites in the city.”

Sun started teaching at Gettysburg after graduating with her PhD in art history from the University of Pittsburgh in 2001. After teaching at the College for nearly two decades, Sun has seen the Art History Department blossom. The growing discipline and rising interest in Asian culture among college-aged students puts Sun in an advantageous position to inspire and teach eager students.

“In recent years, we have noticed that there are more and more students who are really interested in Asian culture,” she said, noting how students become exposed to Asian culture through forms of media, from computer games to Chinese television programs on YouTube. “When [students] come to Gettysburg, they already have this global vision, and some of them are just interested in learning more about it. Culture or arts is a way to have an impact on our students.”

Almost every year, Sun returns to China with her husband and son, often visiting museums and architectural sites for research. She has also brought Gettysburg students to China, including Chinese studies major and art history minor Allison Gross ’15, with whom she helped arrange an internship with the Museum of Qin Terracotta Warriors and Horses in Xi’an.

“It’s a gratifying moment to see students doing research on their own, trying to be a scholar and following your path,” Sun said. “That’s very rewarding.”
Since the day this campus map was drawn in 1876, the Gettysburg College footprint has more than doubled in size, substantially multiplying its less-than-90 student enrollment—all of whom were male at the time—to a diverse enrollment of 2,517 in the fall of 2021. It has grown into a campus with a multitude of academic and co-curricular opportunities.

Several of the buildings highlighted on the preserved map remain erect to this day. However, they are now known by new names, have undergone renovations, and were converted to satisfy varying purposes over the years.

As noted on the map, “College” is our historic Pennsylvania Hall. The then-President’s House later housed the Political Science Department and is now the Alumni House. The “Prep Department”—also known as Stevens Hall upon its dedication to Thaddeus Stevens in 1868—has long served as a dormitory.

Others, including the College’s first gymnasium building, Professor’s House, the arbors once positioned nearby the College (Pennsylvania Hall), Linnean Hall, the Janitor’s House, and the College Observatory were demolished in the 1800s and 1900s. These earliest College buildings have since faded into the history of our landscape—now remembered through photographs and archaeological research.

Our latest campus map, updated this year, is smattered with new facilities. As the new intermingles with the old, it helps us put this nearly 200-year evolution of campus into perspective.

Read more about the history of Gettysburg College buildings on page 36.
BULLETINS

ALUMNI TRAVEL PROGRAM

Travel to exciting destinations through the Gettysburg College Travel Program! Join fellow alumni, parents, and friends—along with a faculty or staff member with specific insight on the region—for small-group trips that are sure to leave you with a lifetime of memories and new friends. See what’s on the horizon:

MALTA
May 19-26, 2022

GALÁPAGOS ISLANDS
July 19-26, 2022

COSTA RICA
Nov. 2-12, 2022

To join these trips or learn more, visit www.gettysburg.edu/travelprogram or email alumni@gettysburg.edu.

In November 2021, Gettysburgians traveled together to Iceland with faculty expert Sarah Principato, an environmental studies professor at the College who has traveled to Iceland for research more than a dozen times.

Dates are subject to change. Please visit www.gettysburg.edu for the latest event details.

APRIL 7
Founder’s Day

MAY 13-15
Commencement Weekend for the Class of 2022

MAY 31
Final day to make a gift for the 2022 fund year

JUNE 3
Orange & Blue Golf Classic

JULY-AUGUST
Welcome Gatherings for New Families

AUGUST 24
Opening Day

OCTOBER 14-16
Homecoming & BOLD Reunion Weekend

OCTOBER 28-30
Family Weekend

JUNE 2-5
Alumni College and Reunion Weekend
(Celebrating classes ending in 2 and 7: 1957-2007)
Laurence Hershey King, 98, died on Sunday, July 11, 2021, at his home in Fayetteville, PA. Born Dec. 21, 1922, in Lancaster, PA, he was the second child to the late Albert L. and Margaret Hershey King. A graduate of New Freedom High School, New Freedom, PA, in 1940 and Gettysburg College, he earned his Bachelor of Arts degree in 1950. He earned his Master of Arts from the U of Chicago in 1958. He met his wife while singing in the Gettysburg College Choir. Together, they raised three sons in Huntington, Long Island, NY. He taught in schools near where he grew up before moving to Long Island, NY, in 1959, where he taught high school math at Roslyn High School for 28 years. He held several offices in his local church, Huntington Cold Spring Harbor United Methodist Church. He sang for the Huntington Men’s Chorus for many years. Retiring to Fayetteville in 1988, Larry changed his faith and became a United Methodist. He held several offices in both the church and the United Methodist Men. As a tenor, he enjoyed singing in the church choir and the Mercersburg Area Community Chorus. He volunteered at Totem Pole Playhouse, and he enjoyed attending the Institute for Retired Persons at Wilson College. He is preceded in death by his wife of almost 67 years (Oct. 3, 2020), Barbara Slothower King, whom he married on Oct. 10, 1953. He is also preceded in death by two sisters, Irene King and Esther Brent; survived by three sons, Randall Philip King of Steubenville, OH; Stephen Parker King (Lisa Maria Showalter King) of Lovettsville, VA; Mark Hershey King (Tracey Ann Glavin King) of Manassas, VA; five grandsons, S. Adam King (wife Kadie), David King (wife Lindsay), Cameron King, Joshua King (wife Jackie), and Evan King; and four great-grandchildren, Jack, Parker, Aaron, and Ella. Funeral services were held on Sunday, July 18, 2021. Condolences are extended to his family, friends, and classmates.

I hope all is going well for all of you. Let me know if you do anything special that I can write about! Frederick Mahan, who passed in August 2021, was the second of three sons born to immigrant parents. His happiest memories were when the whole family would get together in their father’s grocery store for a home-cooked Lebanese meal. Fred attended Staunton Military Academy, Gettysburg College (drum major and steward of the kitchen), and the U of Michigan Law School. He married Martha Burch and had three children. An avid writer, he wrote and published a book, “Has America Lost Its Way? How to Survive the Decline of America.” Lois Kerstetter Snook, the first member of her family to attend college, met her future husband, Lee Snook, who became a Lutheran minister. Lois served as a minister’s wife while raising four children. Lois and Lee loved to travel and visited every continent except Antarctica. During the 1980s, they lived and worked in Zimbabwe for three years and facilitated study tours for Lutheran Seminary students and faculty. In 2000, Lois wrote a memoir “Crossing Rivers, Crossing Oceans.” Lois is survived by her husband, Lee; four children; 11 grandchildren; and a great-granddaughter. Ted Lazorishak Bell passed away December 2020 in Colorado. (Ted changed his name to Bell for business purposes.) After graduating from Gettysburg, he married Flo and was drafted into the U.S. Army and served in West Germany. After the service, he became a teacher and head football coach at Hickory High School (Hickory is now Hermitage, PA). He eventually moved to Colorado where
his son, T.R. Lazorishak, lives. Ted’s son is a small-town author and has published “22 Great American Small Towns,” highlighting towns all over the United States, including Gettysburg and Hermitage, PA. Patricia Emlet Moore died at York Hospital after a brief illness. At Gettysburg College, she met her husband, Carey Moore, and they married on New Year’s Eve in 1952. With her master’s degree in education, Pat taught at Keeauver and James Getty. She later received a second master’s degree in clinical psychology and opened a private practice in Gettysburg. Pat and Carey were world travelers and toured Europe with their four children. Pat also had six grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. Pat and Carey—avid joggers for more than 30 years—often could be seen running on the battlefield.

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The Class of ’53 is nearing or has crossed the line of the age of 90. I would like to hear from one and all who have celebrated that magical number. Ralph “Skip” Knoll, who lives with his wife Ann at lovely Willow Valley in Lancaster County, crossed the “90th Parallel” on July 1, 2021. They celebrated the occasion with their four sons and friends by driving north in a brand new Lincoln car to Ogunquit, Maine, in early October 2021. “I have been going there since the ’40s,” said Skip. The Knolls, who formerly lived at popular Hershey’s Mill in West Chester, stated they enjoyed the fresh lobster and “beautiful walks to the beach” along the Atlantic Ocean. Ogunquit is about 45 miles from Portland, Maine. Skip, the pride of the Phi Psi House, worked with me at The Gettysburgian as a sports writer. He recalled a headline he wrote for his story on the upcoming Bucknell football game: “Bullets Look to Pierce the Bisons’ Hide.” By the way, the team did, 26-21. That was the season of 1952 when Joe Ujobai, all 155 pounds of him, was running wild for Gettysburg at running back and right onto a first team all-state berth next to the best players from Penn State. In those days, the Bullets head coach was the handsome Serbian John Yovicsin, who went on to coach at Harvard. John was my track coach also. He ran me in the 880, mile, and two-mile in one meet and probably stunted my growth. I played singles on the tennis team the following spring. As sports editor in the fall of 1952, I followed in the editorship of Jim Tarman, who went on to become athletic director at Penn State and best friend of coach Joe Paterno. The absolute highlight of my term as sports editor occurred during a football game with Lebanon Valley, a team which Gettysburg was heavily favored to defeat. However, because of intercepted passes, lost fumbles, penalties, and other mistakes, the Bullets fell behind 25-0 at halftime. I smelled a story, ran into the locker room ahead of the team, hid in a locker (because I did not wish to make Yovicsin conscious of a reporter in the room), and took down every word of his inspiring talk to the team. Gettysburg went on to win the game, 34-25. I plunked down the story on his desk the following Tuesday. His smile ran from one side of the room to the other. It is interesting to note that a similar game occurred while Harvard was playing Yale and Yow’s team fell behind 19-0 at halftime. The Crimson came on in the second half to tie the game. The Harvard newspaper ran the story with the headline, “Harvard Wins, 19-19!” By the way, spiked by my experience as The Gettysburgian sports editor and pictures editor of The Spectrum, your class correspondent went on to spend his entire professional life in journalism. It was never much money, but a lot of hard work and excitement. I’m now working on my eighth book. The first seven went through 38 printings. My 90th birthday occurred on March 26, 2021.

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Henry “Hank” Lush asked if I knew how many classmates still were living. The Alumni Office supplied me with interesting information, which I am passing along to you. The Class of 1954 started out with 400 students—275 men and 125 women. Of that number, 271 graduated—197 men and 74 women. There are now 102 survivors in our class—61 men and 41 women. Almost half of these classmates live in Pennsylvania or New Jersey. The next largest groups are in California, Arizona, Florida, and New York. The rest are spread out among Virginia, Maryland, Delaware, New Hampshire, North Carolina, South Carolina, Missouri, Montana, West Virginia, Ohio, Washington, Maine, and Colorado. Among the survivors, there are six doctors, five retired military, and four reverends. Al Gregson Comery has moved to York, PA, to live with his daughter, Karen, and her husband. Al’s oldest grandchild recently got engaged and will be married in Sept. His younger grandchild, who lives near Atlanta, GA, will graduate from high school in May. Glenn Pannell reported that he continues to enjoy fundraising for the Trinity Terrace Foundation, of which he is chair. Years ago, he set up an annual “Black Tie Gala,” and the 2021 event sold 100% of its tickets within three weeks of going on sale. Congratulations for your successful fundraising, Glenn. I am sorry to report the deaths of two of our classmates. Our sympathy to the families of these classmates. Barbara (Morehead) Shilndneck died in June 2021. After graduation, Bobbie earned her master’s degree in education. During several moves, Bobbie became a computer programmer for GE, a part-time instructor in the math department at Berkshire Community College, and a social worker.
Bobbie eventually settled with her family in Madison, CT, where she became executive director of the Estuary Council of Seniors. Bobbie was an enthusiastic sportswoman, playing field hockey, tennis, and golf. She loved hiking, and she climbed to the summit of Mount Washington more than a dozen times. Bobbie is survived by her husband, Donald; three sons; and numerous grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Philip G. Guarneschelli died in Sept. 2021. After graduation from Gettysburg, Phil earned his J.D. from the Dickinson School of Law (now Penn State Dickinson Law). Phil had a long, successful career at AMP, Inc., retiring as corporate vice president and chief human resource officer. He was very active in a variety of professional and community organizations, including Capital Blue Cross, Tri-County Children and Family Services, the Harrisburg chapter of the American Red Cross, the Harrisburg chapter of the Federal Bar Association, and many others. He served as chairman of the school board for the Diocese of Harrisburg. He was a veteran of the Korean War. Phil’s wife of 62 years predeceased him. He is survived by three sons as well as 10 grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

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Fern “Jack” Houck passed away on June 30, 2021, just six days after the passing of his beloved wife, Nedalyn (Charmbury). They would have celebrated 66 years of marriage the following month. They had retired to Hanover, PA, following Jack’s 22 years of active duty in the U.S. Air Force. He had earned several medals after his tours of duty in Newfoundland and Vietnam, among other posts stateside, while establishing computer capabilities at all levels within the Air Force. In retirement, Jack enjoyed his hobby of antiquing. Among other organizations he volunteered with were the Hanover Area Council of Churches and the Hanover Area Historical Society, and was an active member of St. Mark’s Lutheran Church. Jack is survived by three daughters: Debra Mayers (Curt) of Lancaster, PA; Susan Hardin (Paul) of Franklin, TX; and Stacy Mummert (Tim) of Hanover; nine grandchildren; and 10 great-grandchildren. Rev. Richard E. Geib died on June 24, 2021, and was predeceased by his beloved wife, Alice (Kretzing). Dick served parishes in Shamokin Dam, Middletown, and Neffsville. He also served as chaplain and administrator of the addiction services at Lancaster General Health. Following retirement, he served as interim pastor for six congregations. Dick served on various boards including the Seminary, the Samaritan Counseling Center, and Hospice of Lancaster County. Gettysburg College awarded him a Doctor of Divinity, while the Seminary honored him with the “Excellence in Parish Ministry” award. Dick also loved to travel and organized 30 trips to the Holy Land during his retirement. He is survived by two sons; Christian B. Geib (Melanie) and the Rev. Richard B. Geib (Catherine), six grandchildren, and seven great-grandchildren. What can we say to these families of our late classmates? Not only our condolences, but a reminder: “Be thou faithful until death, and I shall give you the Crown of Life” (Rev. 2:10).

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The ever-flowing stream that bears us all away has been particularly active since the last edition of Class Notes. Five classmates have succumbed to its currents and pull. I have received from the College obituaries for the following. Franklin Goodyear died June 20, 2021. After graduation, Lin’s second lieutenant in the U.S. Army obligation was shortened due to an Eisenhower budget cut. Lin was an early computer technician at the time when computers were full-room-size devices. He worked as a government contractor with the Federal Aviation Administration as an IT consultant until his retirement. He was married 63 years to Margie Myers ’58. They were parents of a son and daughter. Lin was an active member of Christ Lutheran Church in Bethesda, MD. He had served terms on its church council. Elise H. Korman, lauded as a “Barrier-Breaking Physician,” died Aug. 17, 2021. Initially at the College, she had planned to become a kindergarten teacher. But during her sophomore year, Elise changed her future work goal to becoming a medical doctor. A graduate of Temple Medical School (the Lewis Katz School of Medicine at Temple U), she took an internship and residency at Doctors Hospital in Seattle, WA. In a professionally developing career, she was a charter fellow of the American Academy of Family Physicians. She became its NY state president for a two-year term and served on the governance committee of the Medical Society of the State of New York. She also was deputy medical examiner of Suffolk County for 21 years. She retired from medicine in 2000 and moved to Moorestown, NJ, to be close to her daughter and family. She held leadership posts at St. Matthew Lutheran Church in Moorestown, NJ. Richard M. Wiese of Liverpool, NY, died July 3, 2021. He was predeceased by Brenda, his wife of 49 years.
He is survived by his three sons, Brad, Greg, and Brett. **Paul E. McKay**, a graduate of the United Lutheran Seminary in Gettysburg, served as assistant minister at the Margate Community Church in Margate, New Jersey, for a length of years. For 17 years, he was music director and cantorial soloist at Congregation Beth Israel in Margate. Paul earned a Master of Musical Arts degree from Temple U and did additional studies at Julliard and Westminster Choir College. He taught music and voice at Atlantic Community College for 20 years. He was co-founder of the Festival Chorus that was subsequently selected to sing with Pavarotti before 15,000 people at Atlantic City’s Convention Hall. The chorus did similar backup work for Jose Carreras at the Taj Mahal and Andy McKay Day.  

Ruth Stromberg Kiess died on Oct. 21, 2021. After graduation, Ruth became an elementary school teacher in NJ. Later, she and her family moved to OH. There, for many years, Ruth was a substitute teacher and was involved in proactive educational outreach programs. She helped establish volunteer tutor and literacy services in her local county. Ruth is survived by her husband of 62 years, Edward Kiess, and their three children. From death notices in the Living Lutheran magazine, I learned that **John D. Little** of Warwick, MD, died July 20. He was a graduate of the Lutheran School of Theology in Chicago, IL. Jack served as pastor of a church in St. Louis, MO, and then in special ministries for the Lutheran Social Services of Eastern Region, Lancaster, PA, and for special ministry Lutheran Social Services of Sioux Falls, SD. His last call for service was as director of the Tessler Center for Human Growth in Wilmington, DE. We send our sympathies to the families of these classmates.

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I just found a 1936 U.S. statistic that you’ll find as a fun fact—a new car cost $610 and a house $6,145. Think about that! **Joe Gonzalez** called to thank me for the years of correspondence, and I really appreciated hearing from him. He and his wife have moved to a retirement community near Lancaster—Willow Valley Communities—and are enjoying it, while still keeping their home in the Poconos. He is taking a German course along with other opportunities offered in the community. He stays in touch with **Rich Brunner**, who keeps us up on news from ATOs and is still very active in seeing that the GCVM Maintenance Fund is on the Alumni Fund contribution list. The flags that fly there see a lot of weather damage (remember all the rain we walked through going to class on campus?). **Marilyn Divan Morrow** addressed the fact that we are all getting older, missing those who have passed. The area they moved to in the NJ “mountains” has garden apartments, and she recently discovered a couple of Gettysburg graduates living near them—Ramona (Mona) and Dick Spencer ’65. Last June, I went to visit **Bonnie Bankert Rice**, and she invited **Betsy Owens Schravesande** over to Hershey. We had a great time catching up. Betsy and Art live in a retirement community and enjoy golf and being on the welcome committee for new residents. Bonnie and I enjoyed a week at Duck, NC, last October. I understand Rich and his wife Cindy have a home at Emerald Isle—just a few miles south on the Atlantic Ocean. **Bernie Schriver** sent me an attachment that went with a letter he wrote to the College suggesting that Associate Justice of the U.S. Supreme Court Clarence Thomas be selected as a graduation speaker for Commencement in 2022 or 2023. He also mentioned other prominent people for consideration. His attachment was an interesting summary of the Eta Phi Chapter of Alpha Chi Rho, installed on March 1, 1958, at Gettysburg. Bernie was the founding president of the chapter, and after graduation, he spent time in Georgetown, British Guiana, South America, and has had an interesting career. I have sad news to convey about the passing of **John Pritsch** in Sept. 2020. He lived in “The Barracks,” which were placed on campus to meet housing needs for the vets going to college on the G.I. Bill—what a difference from dorms today! **Margie Meyers Goodyear** sent a lovely memory card from the service for her husband Franklin (Lin) Fisk Goodyear ’57, who passed away in 2021. She and Lin always came back to the reunions and were married the week of our graduation. Margie was nice enough to send a large article about Halo Wines ’60, who went to Gettysburg and was a well-known actress in the Washington, D.C. area. **Jacob E. Trimmer V** (Jake) lived in Horseheads, NY, and passed away in May 2021. His education was interrupted by the Korean War, and he later graduated from G’burg College. **Edwin Wright** passed away in Aug. 2021 and was living in CA during his final years after having lived in several states. **Eugene Deardorff** (Gene) started as a lab instructor at the College, later becoming a chemistry professor for 30 years at Shippensburg U. He had a dedicated career as an educator and passed away in Sept. 2020. I hope that you will look up the obituaries, see what interesting and inspiring people we had in our class, and send your condolences to their families.  

Hopefully everyone is getting out and about a little more than last year. I’m expecting some interesting news in 2022. Take care and blessings to all!  

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As I type this column, the Class of 1960 is supposed to be gathering in Gettysburg for our 60th Reunion—postponed yet again. Hang in there, alums. It will yet happen!

John Snook reported that Fiji was closed, forcing him to winter 2020 in Benson, AZ, “at a lovely RV resort, west of Tombstone.” This winter, he is heading for Sundance, WY. “Our ‘Skill-Based Classic Car Essay Contests’ @WinClassicCars.com recently launched. In 2022, I plan to spend time in Zurich, Switzerland, with colleagues, launching additional essay contests and driving classic European collector cars throughout the Alps. I may establish western Austria residency on Lake Constance, two hours from Zurich.” Our G’burg loyalty was recently tested when grandson Colin Hofmann and his Dickinson teammates went up against the Bullets. All the body English we could give the Red Devils did not help them. They lost 4-0. Philip Gleason, a veteran of the Korean War, died last year. Retired from M. Brenner & Sons, Harrisburg, he was a widower who was an avid golfer and voracious reader, loved to fish, and enjoyed flying his airplane. Our sympathy to his daughter Kay Zimmerman and his grandchildren.

Judy Derr Hofmann died last year after a long illness. From her marriage with Jon Wagnild, she had three children. When that marriage ended, she married Ernst Hofmann and lived in Delta, CO. They retired to FL. Her husband, three children, three stepchildren, 12 grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren survive her. I remember visiting Judy in Madison, WI, and copying a recipe for pork barbecue from her cookbook! We have used that recipe for 50 plus years. Halo Wines Bauer died last year in Maryland. As a young girl, she was sent to acting classes to help battle her innate shyness. That decision spurred her lifelong love of acting and the theater. She performed in Washington, D.C., for 50 plus years at the Olney Theatre Center and Arena Stage and won many excellent reviews. She also enjoyed directing shows and teaching drama. When Halo and her husband, Richard Bauer, were married, they were appearing together in “Hamlet.” She was playing Ophelia to his Hamlet. Richard Bauer preceded her in death, and she is survived by her daughter Libby, her son Chris, and four grandchildren. Memorial donations were invited to Gettysburg College and Olney Theatre Center. Several years ago, I found myself sitting in the Halo Wines seat at the Olney Theatre Center! Please write. Send me your favorite pandemic recipes, the titles of TV series you binged on, the classic titles you finally read after 80 years on this earth, etc.

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1961

Hopefully, by the time you read this column, the pandemic will just be an unbelievable memory. Does anyone remember the flu epidemic at G’burg our freshman year? It was quite an intro to college life. John and I enjoyed a laughter-filled luncheon this summer at Peddler’s Village in New Hope, PA, with Marilyn Hannas and Jim Flood ’59, Carol Hoy Ludin ’59 and Reinhardt Ludin ’59, and Bob Sanderson ’60. In keeping with memories, I got a lovely note from Holly Achenbach Yohe ’62, widow of Skip Yohe, who, in her inimitable style, honored Skip with a wild birthday party that included some Phi Gam brothers and friends. Holly said the party blended tales and lies from the good old days! Guests included Bill Matz and his wife Linda; Ken Tholan and his wife Jane; Mel Jacobs and Holly Hamilos; Bud Dougherty ’60, Bill Hensings’ widow, Nancy; and Ron Frederick’s widow, Sally. The group spent most of the day at the American Revolution Museum at Yorktown, where Holly is a tour guide giving her own version of events. Thanks to the reunion committee, especially Doug Rockafellow and Pat Ness Smith, for their hard work. Hopefully, we’ll be together in June 2022. Unfortunately, I received a few obituaries for this edition. Our sympathies go to the families of Joseph Miele, Lance Butler, William Neison, Alex Kessel, Robert Girvan, and Lawrence Caruth. I have obituaries for all. Please let me know if you would like to receive them. Please keep my mailbox happy and keep in touch.

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By now, I hope COVID-19 is out of your lives and that you are as back to normal as possible. I have to admit that old age has its advantages. I was recently called to appear for jury selection in the Ahmaud Arbery murder trial here in Brunswick, GA. Close to 1,000 people were called; they knew finding local people with no bias was going to be difficult. Failure to show for the first interview would result in a hefty fine. This trial, clearly, was a “big deal.” I thought that, since I’m quite new to the area, I could be a good pick. And then I realized that I am 81 years old, and this age could be a good excuse not to be chosen. I know jury duty is our civic duty, but this is one trial I did not want to be involved with. During a last-minute phone call to the office of the jury selection process, I gave them my age, and I was immediately excused. Maybe being old isn’t so bad after all. Now for sad news. Vince Lipani passed away last summer on his birthday, July 19, 2021. Vince was the successful owner for 50 years of Central Jersey Nurseries in Hillsborough Township, NJ. He was an active member of his church and Rotary Club and served as chairman of the Hillsborough Township Zoning Board of Adjustment. He had a lasting impact on the town he loved and on his young employees through the years. He is survived by his wife Barbara, three sons and their wives, and five grandchildren. Jack Cassidy passed away on May 22, 2021, after a long battle with cancer. He started his career as
a teacher, became a reading specialist, taught at Millersville U and Texas A&M Corpus Christi, where he eventually became associate dean. He was elected president of many professional associations in literacy, the most prominent being the International Reading Association. He was also the author of many textbooks and professional articles. Several awards are named in his honor. He was elected to the Reading Hall of Fame, named PA Educator of the Year, and listed in “Who’s Who in America” for more than 20 years. An early reminder—in 2022, we will celebrate our 60th Class Reunion. Please stay well and healthy and plan on attending. Send me news—please!

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Gettysburg College Class of 1962

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Dear classmates, I am sad to begin this column with the seven classmates who have recently passed away. The College has notified me and sent me information about each one. I can email you the entire obituaries if you would like. Just let me know. Barbara Levering Blank: While at Gettysburg, Barb was a history major and a Sigma Kappa, served on the Junior Class Council and advertising staff of The Mercury, and was a member of the Tribunal and the Young Republicans Club. Barb’s husband, Rev. Stephen Blank, is a 1964 alumnus. Ron Council: Ron was a TKE, serving as historian and participated in Student Senate, IFC, track, football, and the AFROTC Drill Team. After Gettysburg, Ron enlisted as a U.S. Marines Corp. aviation cadet and attended the U.S. Naval Flight School, majoring in engineering and aerodynamics. After serving as a pilot in the U.S. Marines, Ron had a successful career in the banking industry. He is survived by his wife Janice, his four children, four grandchildren, and a great-grandson. Connie Suttles McKeen: Connie was an English major who wrote for The Gettysburgian, participated in Owl & Nightingale and booster club, and was a Little Sister of Minerva. She spent 27 years as a military wife before beginning a successful career in real estate in Alexandria, VA. Connie is survived by her son Richard, her daughter Susan, and three grandchildren. Robert McKeen: Bob enlisted in the U.S. Army shortly after his graduation from Gettysburg. He was commissioned as a second lieutenant, infantry, and served 27 years as an Airborne Ranger, including 31 months combat duty in Vietnam. Bob was well decorated with two combat valor awards and numerous meritorious citations. He is survived by his son and daughter and two grandchildren. John Pawelek: John was in Lambda Chi Alpha and Scabbard and Blade; served as vice-chairman of the Student Union Athletic Board, ROTC Band, and Class Council; was on the swim team; and sang in the College Choir. After Gettysburg, John earned a doctorate in biology at Brown U and eventually moved to Yale, where he ran a research lab for four decades. He won awards for his work studying the mechanism driving metastasis in the skin cancer melanoma. John was devoted to social justice and marched the last five miles of the Selma to Montgomery voting rights march behind Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. John is survived by his wife Linda, his three sons, and five grandchildren. Frederic Von Eff: After Gettysburg, Fred earned his MBA from NYU. He loved NY and worked for many years as a banker for Chemical Bank/Chase Manhattan. Fred and his wife, Judy, traveled widely in the United States, Caribbean, Europe, and South America. They moved to Bonita Springs, FL, in 2003. Besides his wife, Fred is survived by his two children, Krista and Chip, and four grandchildren. Some good news: Jerry Spinelli has another book published, “Dead Wednesday,” and is working on a new one, “Phoebe.” TIME magazine just named “Stargirl,” “One of the 100 Best Young Adult Novels of All Time.” Congratulations, Jerry. I heard from Carol Menge Gates, who said she has been using her botany background doing a native orchid study of the Adirondack Park for New York state. She mentioned that her granddaughter with Joe Murphy, Maggie, is at Auburn U studying to be a commercial pilot. Maggie’s father, Eric, flew in Afghanistan and now flies for United. Dad and granddad, Joe would be proud. I met a classmate, Jack McCracken, outside of my dentist’s office, if you can believe it. He saw the orange “G” magnet on my car and introduced himself to me, and we had fun reminiscing. A “G-bump,” as Jerry Spinelli says. That is all the space I have this time. Please continue to email me.

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Tim Parsons sent a nice note about his visit with Marsha Nichols and his wife in Boothbay Harbor, MA. He informed us about the death of John Connolly. An English major, John became a copywriter at a NYC advertising agency, after which he transitioned into a screenwriter for the bulk of his career. He played intramural football, boxed, and was a member of Sigma Chi fraternity at Gettysburg. He spent his life writing scripts, and he received Clio, ANDY, ADDY, and many other prestigious advertising awards in the 1960s and ’70s. He is survived by his wife Deborah, his daughter Kristen and her husband Alex, and two grandchildren. Attending his memorial service in Greenwich, CT, were David Harrison and Gary Bashian. Nancy Linda Davis, of Frederick, MD, passed away in June 2021. Nancy taught fifth grade for over 20 years in Frederick County Public Schools. Nancy was a longtime member of the Woman’s Civic Club, the Frederick Chapter of the DAR,
the quilting guild, and Evangelical Lutheran Church. We heard about the passing of Don Szegda, and Penn Lardner provided more information. Don was a prolific baseball and basketball star at Chester High School. Don later earned numerous master’s degrees from Villanova, Temple, and Lehigh universities, all in the field of education. His life’s work was teaching and learning, specifically with those with special needs. He was an athlete, an educator, a father, grandfather, and friend. He was a selfless man and a reflective and reassuring communicator, equally passionate about his work and his family. An avid reader and thinker, Don was most comfortable at the shore, with the waves and sand serving as a backdrop to a life served helping others. Penn Lardner has moved from Sonoma, CA, to Cocoa, FL, where he works at Port Canaveral, embarking passengers from cruises, and sent news of other classmates. Jean (Kirchhoff) Cleveland and her husband, Bill ’63, are living by the Susquehanna River. Alice Kolz Davis and her husband Walt are living in Gettysburg, enjoying their children and grandchildren. News of Lance and Judy Graef said that Lance has had very interesting job experiences starting with the Peace Corps (Somalia), working for various companies in international affairs, and working with a connection to a president of the U.S.—he is well traveled! Judy keeps busy with various endeavors. Roger Casciani has been a high school football coach, and in his later career, he coached an Italian national football team (American football). He now spends his time between Santa Fe, NM, and FL. He has two great sons and a number of grandchildren. Charlie Blackman is a retired high school English teacher. He and his wife live in Tupper Lake, NY, where Charlie’s claim to fame is being a “bell ringer for the Salvation Army!” I had a note from Gary Hammond’s daughter. Gary summers in Baltimore and enjoys fishing at his home on the Black River. He hunts from his home in Augusta, WV, during the winter months.

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For me, it’s been a time of highs and lows. High: spending a beautiful Sept. day on campus at our granddaughter’s formal and in-person graduation, rescheduled from last year. The brilliant blue sky, the imposing festivities, Glatzelter’s bells, inspirational speeches, and a large crowd in front of Old Dorm and present-day students all around made it a wonderful and memorable day. Low: Our 55th or 56th Reunion didn’t happen—and we all understand why. But know that Dave Radin and I promise to make the next gathering a special one. We just don’t know when it will be scheduled. But don’t give up on us! All the pieces are in place—and we’re ready to go! High: On campus, walking past the Benefactors Wall, I was struck by the generosity of our classmaters—the ones whose names are engraved, but also the many, many individual folks who have shared through the years. Thank you for remembering your roots and being faithful in continuing financial gifts so that future ‘Burgians will prosper. We’ve always been the leaders; let’s keep the tradition going. Low: Sadly, I report the death of classmate Arvid Carlson. He died of cancer at his Irmo, SC, home last July. You probably remember him as a chemistry major, a member of Alpha Phi Omega, and a sometimes part of the Premiere Players. He’s survived by his wife Ann and his children—and, of course, by us who remember him fondly. Now, will you send me news of any sort, of any length, that I can share with classmates who really remember you but who have lost touch with your contact information. Can you do it today?

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Retired Air Force Lieutenant Colonel Gordon Rowe has participated in 28 military funeral services with the Lancaster County Red Rose Veterans Honor Guard. Our group presented almost 300 flags last year. Gordie is also active in Rock Steady Boxing, an internationally recognized exercise program for Parkinson’s disease patients. The curriculum is designed to improve Parkinson’s symptoms through a boxing-inspired regimen. He also participates in the Parkinson Voice Project, a speech therapy class with international participants from Ireland to Australia. Last fall, they formed a virtual choir and gave an online performance. Jim Adams thought we might be interested to know that on March 11, 2021, Skip (Beebe ’65) and I welcomed to the world our first great-grandchild: Eliana Rose McClain, whose mom Macy is the second daughter of our son Scott. All of them are as thrilled as can be. They live in Concord, NC. Kathie Smith de la Vergne, Sue Klingenberg Milligan, Sherry Ecklund Reiff, and Sadie Werner first met in the fall of 1962 when all lived on the third floor of Huber Hall. They have been friends ever since and have traveled together as tourists and just to see each other. The most recent occasion was this past Sept. in Ocean City, NJ. The laughter and friendship are just as great, even after 59 years. James Bartlett passed away on March 31, 2021, in Hershey, PA. Jim’s interest in the environment led him to master’s degrees from Oberlin College and the U of California, Berkeley. His early work was with the Environmental Protection Agency in San Francisco and then many years with the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection. Warren R. Busche died on April 8, 2021, in Thornville, OH. A member of Theta Chi, Warren served in the U.S. Army during the Vietnam era. He was an active member of the American Legion and had served as a post commander. He had a long career with Reynolds and Reynolds in the information management division. Thomas Hoffman died on April 13, 2021, in Manchester, MD. He taught Spanish in Baltimore County. John Daniel Barr passed on July 18, 2021, in St. Cloud, MN. John spent many years with FEMA and the majority of his career as a partner in NFL, a property development company in PA. Robert M. Schmid of Leverett, MA, died on Sept. 24, 2021, after a long struggle with CIDP (chronic inflammatory
demyelinating polyneuropathy) and Parkinson’s disease. Bob was a member of Phi Sigma Kappa and a history major while at G’burg. Bob served in the U.S. Army during the Vietnam War. Although opposed to the war before he was deployed, he had the opportunity to postpone his service by attending graduate school. However, he felt he should not be exempt due to this privilege. While in Vietnam, he was exposed to Agent Orange, which he believed contributed to his deteriorating physical condition. After discharge, he was active in the Vietnam Veterans Against the War and other educational organizations about the war. He was a history teacher at NH secondary schools, and after retirement, he became a licensed contractor and enjoyed helping senior citizens with repairs and accommodations which helped them remain in their homes.

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An every-five-year tradition continued as a number of the Class of 1967 Phi Delta Theta members got together in late Oct. to celebrate 75th birthdays. Delayed from 2020 due to COVID-19, Irwin “Chuck” Widger and his wife Barbara (Berwyn, PA) hosted the group at Kiawah Island, SC. Those attending were Steve Baksa and his wife Tina (North Bend, WA), Carl Hellerstedt (Pittsburgh, PA), Scott Higgins and his wife Linda (Greenwich, CT), Dick Hughey and his wife Kris (Frieberg, PA), Dave Roth and wife Jean (West Brandywine, PA); Bud Tallman (Cherry Hill, NJ), and John Thomas and his wife Ellen (West Hartford, CT). It is with sadness that I report that Joseph J. Egretiz Jr., 76, of Alpharetta, GA, passed away on Sept. 5, 2021. Joe was born in Harrisburg (Shipoke), PA. He was a graduate of John Harris High School, Gettysburg College, and the MBA program at Georgia State U. He was a brother of the Phi Gamma Delta fraternity. A well-liked and versatile athlete, he was the only Gettysburg College football player to be named First Team All-Conference on both the offensive and defensive units in the same year. He was named to additional honorary teams, including the Associated Press Little All-American First Team. After graduation, he was signed by the Dallas Cowboys and went on to play for the Washington Redskins and the Boston Patriots. Joe was inducted into the Pennsylvania Sports Hall of Fame, the Pennsylvania Central Chapter Sports Hall of Fame, and twice into the Gettysburg College Hall of Athletic Honor. He had a successful career in telecommunications with BellSouth, Philips, and, most recently, as an officer of DictaPlus, North America, Inc. I have also been informed of the passing of William C. Tomlinson at home on Sept. 25, 2021. Bill grew up in Delaware County, PA, and attended Marple Newtown High School. He graduated with a bachelor’s degree in economics from Gettysburg College. After college, Bill joined the U.S. Army and served a tour of duty in Vietnam. Returning home, Bill earned his CPA license and began a career in accounting, first at Coopers & Lybrand in Philadelphia and then at Bell Atlantic. After retiring from his accounting career, Bill broadened his credentials becoming an Enrolled Agent and began a 20-year career as teacher and tax advisor at Block Advisors.

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The pandemic did bring some good things. I was lucky enough to speak on the telephone with Donna (Stine) Kienzler, who is retired from Iowa State U and lives in Ames, Iowa. We caught up with our lives after 50 plus years, which was fun. The only sad part is that, except for visiting her son and his family in CT, she doesn’t come to the East very often. How can we change that? That frolicking circle of friends—Cynthia (Johnston) Dokmo, Carol (Houck) Jarvis, Lennie (Wright) Bollinger, Linda Lopardo, and Joanne Robson—met for their second annual reunion in Rye, NH, in July 2021. However, Hurricane Elsa rained relentlessly on their parade. They did manage a day of sunshine and celebrated with a hike at an estuary nearby and with a quick shopping trip into Portsmouth. The rain allowed plenty of time to pour over old G’burg yearbooks. Allan Keene and his wife Margaret divide their time between NYC and Palm Beach, FL. Their focus is on the Allan and Margaret Keene Reading Glass Program, founded in 2014, which they fund. It provides three strengths of reading glasses to patients and their families at 10 Northwell Health hospitals in the NY area and St. Francis Hospital on Long Island. They give away 20,000 pairs of glasses annually. After 16 years back in Gettysburg, Chuck Teague and his wife moved to Austin, TX, three years ago for him to pursue a fifth vocation. After retiring from the law, the military, the pastorate, and service as a National Park Service Ranger, he is now engaged in the important role of grandfather. On the side, he works as an officer for their homeowner’s association and as a guardian ad litem for kids of
troubled families. Unfortunately, I also must report another classmate’s death. **Elliot Stringham** died in June 2021. We mourn with his family and friends.

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**Gettysburg College Class of 1968**

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**Bill Lindsay** has written a new book about his experience in Vietnam, “Pop Smoke: The Story of One Marine Rifle Platoon in Vietnam; Who They Were, What They Did, and What They Learned.” He was interviewed about it on the Phi Gamma Delta podcast “On the Banks.” **Fred Schumacher** continues to be our class energizer alum, serving as a guest speaker at Fort Detrick for the U.S. Army’s birthday and presenting the military history of Frederick County, MD, as part of the Veteran Recognition and Resource Days in that county. He once again participated in the Maryland Senior Olympics, where he won three gold medals. These wins qualify him to participate in the National Senior Games in 2022 in Fort Lauderdale, FL. We also were notified of the deaths of two more classmates: **William Myers** and **Greg Layton**.

**“Bill” Starner** passed away in April 2021 at Penn State Hershey Medical Center. Bill graduated from Gettysburg High School in the class of 1965, completed his undergraduate studies at Gettysburg College, and earned his J.D. at Dickinson Law School (now Penn State Dickinson Law). He was employed by Fry Communications for more than 30 years before his eventual retirement. Bill is survived by his wife of 47 years, Linda; one son; and three grandsons. **Greg Layton** died in July 2021 at Reading Hospital due to babesiosis, a tick-borne blood disease. A collaborator for greater good, Greg was a government leader throughout school, and he graduated from Gettysburg College in 1969 as senior class president. He served two years of stateside alternative citizen service at a hospital during the Vietnam War era, and he continually lobbied for respect and appreciation for veterans. For 47 years, he was the life partner of Deborah Kates. He created, exhibited, and collaborated on endless art projects throughout his life. With Deborah, he co-founded Coatesville Area Arts Alliance in 2002 to promote the arts as key to better community economies. Our sympathies go to both Bill’s and Greg’s families and friends.

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**Gettysburg College Class of 1970**

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**1970**

I hope everyone is continuing in good health. I’m sorry that our 50th Reunion keeps getting postponed. Let’s hope that the COVID-19 pandemic subsides soon. Thanks to the two classmaters who either wrote or sent info to the College. **Sharon Reinbott** wrote that she had retired from a long career in software development, most recently at Stanford U. She decided to pursue another degree, and in 2015, received her Master of Arts in culture and spirituality from Holy Names U in Oakland, CA. Then, in 2020, she and her partner put all of their belongings in storage and started to travel around the western United States in search of a smaller and less expensive place to live, other than the San Francisco Bay Area. They were stranded in Tucson, AZ, for three months because of COVID-19. They returned to the Bay Area, were vaccinated, returned to Tucson, got married, and bought a house—all within one and a half months. Congratulations! They’re learning to garden in the desert and hiking every trail they can find. They’re looking forward to living there for a long time. **Greg Islan** wrote that he has two new grandsons in Seattle, six weeks apart. Congratulations! Both of his daughters and sons-in-law and three grandsons all live in Seattle. Greg had lived in Connecticut for most of his life, but he and his wife have moved to Williamstown, MA. They’re involved in the local land trust and the community there. Now for the sad stuff. The College sent me the obituary for my senior-year roommate, **Sherrie Gibble**. She passed away on April 27, 2021. After graduation, Sherrie received her law degree from Duke U in 1973. She accepted a position as a New Jersey deputy attorney general in Trenton, NJ, where she worked for 28 years. Sherrie retired in 2002. She enjoyed spending time with family and friends and enjoyed puzzles, all animals, and traveling. She was married for 35 years to Mahmoud Amer and had four stepchildren, eight nieces and nephews, 10 step-great-grandchildren, and six great-nieces and great-nephews. Also having passed away is **Paul Michael Cecere**. After graduation, Paul received his Doctorate of Law at the U of Miami. He later practiced law in NY, NJ, and FL for more than 40 years. Paul had three children. He was involved in charitable organizations and was an active member at Our Lady of Light Catholic community. I hope everyone stays healthy and can attend our 50th Reunion, whenever that may be!

**Gettysburg College Class of 1971**

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Greetings, Class of 1971! This 2020-2021 has been a stressful year for many of us and a very sad year with the loss of beloved family and friends. It’s gratifying to know so many of us remember good times with classmates and professors. Our class 50th Reunion committee studied a lot of information while deliberating long and hard before recommending (twice) postponing our on-campus gathering. As I write this column, there is chatter that we will have a joint special reunion with the Class of 1970 May 20 this year. Please try to hold that date until further information is forthcoming. Also please ensure that the College has your up-to-date contact info. Two items received for this issue. The first update is from a co-reunion committee member, **Valerie Toombs-Hamilton**, who wrote, “After college, I spent a wonderful
summer on Long Beach Island, NJ, with Jo Ann Burk, Suzanne (Haklitch) Borrell, and Marjorie Pole. We have stayed in touch ever since (Margie passed away in 2001). In 1977, I moved to Newport News, VA, and had a great surprise in discovering my former roomie, Jill (Garvey) Bennett, lived there also! After working as a mathematics curriculum specialist at Smithfield, VA, (where I smelled ham every day due to the nearby Gwaltney plant), I taught small group mathematics in elementary and middle schools in Newport News. I attained an MAT Mathematics and began teaching talented and gifted mathematics students. After retiring early due to Hurricane Isabel’s destruction of our home in 2003, I was called back to mentor new mathematics teachers in middle and high schools, then tutored until 2018, when taking care of family took precedence. My husband John and I live in a small bayside town near Yorktown—so small that it has no stoplights, just a post office and a country store. Chesapeake Bay storms have, however, lost their charm. Our area is near a former practice bombing range island from the ’50s, and we have happened upon some interesting items on the sandbars, necessitating calls to the U.S. Navy’s Explosive Ordinance Disposal team. Nearby is The Mariners’ Museum and Park, which satisfies several of my hobbies: researching the Civil War, studying artifacts from nautical history (such as the USS Monitor turret), and 5K walks. Other hobbies over the years have included metal detecting on land and in the water, researching World War II military aircraft, boating, sailing, kayaking, jet skiing, horseback riding, detailing a 1969 Corvette for shows, designing club shirts, forming stained glass creations with the copper foil method, metal sculpture with an acetylene torch, and painting wall murals. I’m very much looking forward to our 50th to hear classmates’ updates!” Phew, Val! I’m tired just reading about all you’ve done! The second item comes from prolific author and minister Mark Ellingsen, who has a new book published by Vernon Press: “Finding Peaks and Valleys in a Flat World: Goodness, Truth, and Meaning in the Midst of Today’s Mad Chase for Prosperity and Instant Feedback.” It’s described here: “Mark Ellingsen has written a creative book showing how insights from the Danish philosopher Søren Kierkegaard (1813–1855) can be directly and significantly relevant for us today. Ellingsen skillfully describes our contemporary culture, with the famed image used by Tom Friedman to describe the globalized economy, as a ‘flat world,’ marked by individualization and self-concern where people live in ‘valleys’ of sensuality and as mere spectators of life.” A note of sad news just received as this column went to press. We’ve lost our classmate Richard “Dick” Roulette—more information in his obituary carried in the Herald-Mail: “Dick Roulette Remembered as a Leader, Restaurateur, Friend.” Best wishes for a great 2022!

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Gettysburg College Class of 1971

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We celebrate the life of Bill Mackenzie, who died in Sept. 2021. After graduating from Gettysburg with a Bachelor of Arts in math, Bill went on for a Master of Science in statistics at UConn, served in the U.S. Air Force during the Vietnam War, and was honorably discharged with the rank of captain. He worked for 30 years as a statistician with the U.S. government. After retirement, he taught for many years at local community colleges. Bill was a longtime member of the Forest Street Union Church in Methuen, where he served for many years as a deacon, trustee, and Sunday school teacher. He was also well-known in Methuen for his 25 years of coaching Little League baseball. In recent years, he served as a friend of the Methuen Memorial Music Hall. Bill enjoyed gardening and working around the house. He is survived by his wife of 44 years, Shirley; his son; his daughter; and six grandchildren. Brian Schimpf sent a brief update for him and Cindy Eichelberger Schimpf. They have been living in San Diego since 2015, after about 40 years living just outside Boston. One of Brian’s current favorite lines is: “If I never shovel snow again, I’ll die a happy man.” He and Cindy are enjoying the downtown life where they can walk just about everywhere: restaurants, theater, church, and other places. San Diego has so much to offer. The weather is great, and they love the convenience of living downtown. Their plan is to return to Gettysburg for our 50th Reunion next June and hope to see many friends then. They send their best to everyone. Jack Spaeth also wrote in to let us know that after 29 years of living and playing in Fort Lauderdale, FL, he has moved about 65 miles north to Hobe Sound, FL, where he hopes to finally figure out some semblance of a golf game. Good luck with that, Jack, no matter what semblance you achieve. It’s a fun ride. I hope everyone is enjoying a fun ride 50 years after our time at G’burg. Please write and let us know how you’re doing. I look forward to seeing all of you at our 50th in June.

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Elisabeth “Lis” Schutzenbach Hall sends news that after 36 years in Anchorage, AK, she and Rich Hall ’71 have retired to Grand Rapids, MI, and winter in Briny Breezes, FL. They have two sons and are expecting their seventh grandchild. Collecting shells and doing crafts with them are a winter hobby for both. Rich still
enjoys gardening and takes a long walk daily. Lis reads up a storm: news, novels, and issue-oriented books. Lis notes that the Class Notes section doesn’t even have a Class of 1948 entry, which is her father’s class. He (Walter Schutzenbach) is still alive but with failing hearing and sight. On Sept. 18, 2021, Jim Barber, Frank Borelli, Paul McGarvie, and Scott Bowman celebrated their 50th anniversary playing golf together at Sunnehanna Country Club in Johnstown, PA. Jim, who is a member of Sunnehanna Country Club, has hosted his fraternity brothers annually dating back to their sophomore year at Gettysburg. In addition to their annual golf outing in Johnstown, the guys have been participating in Gettysburg’s Orange & Blue Golf Classic for the last several years and also get together in the fall to make a golfing trip to Pinehurst. Jim and his wife Carol live in Johnstown, PA, and are parents to two grown daughters. Frank and his wife Lynn live in Malaga, NJ, and have three children and one grandson. Paul and his wife, Carolyn Hand ’74, live in Medford, NJ, and have three daughters and six grandsons. Scott and his wife Mary Ellen reside in York, PA, and have three children and eight grandchildren. I have sad news to report, the passing of Glenn Beyer Jr. on April 30, 2021, after battling dementia and Parkinson’s disease for 10 years. He was a world-class skier, earning a NASTAR amateur ski championship medal in the Rocky Mountains. He received a master’s degree from American U, and after working with Rockwell and Boeing in the department of international trade regulations, he founded his own company, Washington International Trade Advisors, and he consulted for trade companies worldwide. Japanese art was one of Glenn’s hobbies, and he painted oil and watercolor paintings in the Japanese style which have been publicly displayed. Glenn is survived by his two daughters and three grandchildren. On a personal note, Glenn and I first became friends during our freshman year in Rice Hall, and we remained close throughout our four years in college since we were both Independents and we shared many of the same interests. Glenn was an usher at my wedding, and my wife and I attended his wedding at Washington National Cathedral. For those of us who knew Glenn, it is fair to say that he was usually smiling, and he was generous with kind words for his many friends.

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It was such fun to reconnect with Karen Abel Smith at a wedding we both attended in Eagles Mere, PA. The mother of the groom was Karen’s best friend, who grew up with her in Bernardsville, NJ. Karen was my next-door neighbor on the third floor of Huber in 1970. She and her husband Todd live in The Villages in FL and in Indiana. Alison Raab Ruth and I traveled to Marco Island, FL, in September, and during our stay, we called Lise Van Order Johnson and had a great catch-up. Lise lives in Punta Gorda and is a realtor. She has two sons and grandchildren who live in TX. As announced in the latest edition of this magazine, Bill Heyman is now a member of the Gettysburg College Board of Trustees. This position is well deserved for Bill, given his long-standing dedication to the College. Thank you, Johanna Gauer Edge, for updating our class on your life since Gettysburg. I hope to hear from others, please! Johanna lives in West Caldwell, NJ, with her husband Bill. Their three stepchildren, their spouses, and their eight grandchildren all live in MA. After leaving the worlds of wholesale and retail, Johanna worked in the Drew U library from 2003 through June 2019, serving as the head of circulation for the last five years of her time there. She graduated from Drew with a Doctor of Letters degree in May 2019. She soon retired from Drew and, two months later, began working part time at a local public library. Johanna hosted a mini G’burg reunion a few years ago, attended by Carol Andrews Forman, Gail Dennison Korth, Linda Schraeder, and assorted spouses. She can’t wait to see many more of the Class of ’74 at our 50th Reunion in 2024. Chuck Johnson, head football coach at his alma mater, Ridgewood High School in NJ (Group V football), was recently recognized as the No. 5 “winningest coach” of all current high school football coaches in New Jersey. This past fall, Chuck was back on the field following an illness and was honored for the accomplishments he has achieved during his 37-year coaching career at Ridgewood. Gary Boguski, recently nominated for his many years of pro bono work as an attorney, was honored at the virtual Attorney Pro Bono Recognition Event hosted by the chief justice of the New Jersey Supreme Court on Oct. 26, 2021. Once again, I am very sorry to report the deaths of four classmates: Halbert Carmichael Jr., originally from Trenton, NJ; Linda Merriam-Kuc of Hillsborough, NJ; Wade C. Anastor of Vineland, NJ; and Laurie Theurer Soule of Dennison, MN. To their friends and families, I am so sorry for the loss of these beloved classmates.

Tom Abrassart sends a shoutout to all his Gettysburg friends. After graduating with a degree in sociology, Tom attended the U of Central FL to study accounting and became a CPA at Deloitte. He opened his own firm in 1986 and retired in Jan. 2020. He and his wife Betty live in St. Petersburg, FL, and have two children and four grandchildren. In his retirement, Tom has become an avid guitar player. While visiting Gettysburg in Aug. 2021, Tom reunited with his friend Ray Owen ’74, who led the “American Standard Band” that Tom and John Tschop ’76 played in back in the day. A fond memory is a gig they played in 1973 at the Blue Duck Inn in Emmitsburg, MD. Tom can be reached at cpatpapa@gmail.com. In 2021, we also lost three of our classmates: Bob Murphy ’73 wrote to me with the sad news that his wife, Joan Sibigtroth Murphy, lost her long battle with Huntington’s disease on Sept. 6,
2021. Joan was a chemistry and math major who played violin in the Gettysburg College orchestra. Joan and Bob met at Gettysburg and married in 1977. Joan worked for 30 years as a research chemist at Merck’s medicinal chemistry department in West Point, PA, and played a supporting role on the team that discovered one of the first antiviral medicines to treat AIDS. Joan is survived by their two children, Emily Murphy Troncoso and Brian Murphy, and grandchildren Alexander and Grace Troncoso.

Jane Buckingham Garofalo of Myrtle Beach, SC, died Sept. 25, 2021, while walking along the shore at Myrtle Beach State Park, SC. She passed away unexpectedly following a lengthy struggle with cancer. Jane enjoyed athletics and art and was known for her quick wit, sense of humor, and her adventurous spirit. Following graduation from Gettysburg, she pursued various career interests that included laboratory research at Microbiological Associates in MD, paralegal work, and creative design for department stores in CA. Jane also had artistic talents and sold her paintings and etchings both privately and as part of fundraising activities. Jane is survived by her husband, Gary A. Garofalo; her sister, Ellen Buckingham; and a loving extended family. She was predeceased by her brother, Richard G. Buckingham ’71. Lastly, Charles Garrett “Gary” Williams, my fraternity brother and roommate during and after college, died May 24, 2021, after complications from sarcoidosis. Gary and his wife Beth had retired to Vero Beach, FL. Gary grew up in Ridgewood, NJ. He earned his Bachelor of Arts degree in English and economics, displayed his talents on the soccer field, and was an avid member of the Phi Gamma Delta fraternity. After graduation, Gary, Peter Lyon, and I shared an apartment in scenic Prospect Park, NJ. Peter was expanding his lifelong business as house painter extraordinaire. I landed at Prudential Insurance in Newark, NJ, and Gary started out as a cub reporter for his hometown Ridgewood Times. Shortly thereafter, Gary embarked upon a 30-year career as a financial services executive. He worked across sales, marketing, and management for both large and boutique firms including MetLife, Fidelity Investments, and DG Capital Management, where he served as chief marketing officer. In 2013, he retired to focus on his new athletic passion—golf—and his duties as a loving grandfather, aka “Poppy.” He often joked that all of his retired friends were racking up too many holes in one, so he had to catch up! Gary had many passions—golf, cooking, boating, travel, culture and music—and loved being surrounded by his large family more than anything else. Gary is survived by his wife Beth; three sons, Jay, Josh, and Nick; his four siblings, James “Jim,” Betsy, Susan, and Mark; and his four grandchildren, Avery, Garrett, Kathryn, and the fourth crew member then scheduled to board ship June 2021.

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In August 2020, Heather (Craig) Tschop sold her house of 37 years and moved to Millsboro, DE, 12 miles from the beach where all are welcome to visit, she reported. This past August, she met Karen (Eaken) Peter and Tom ’75 for a fun lunch in Bethany Beach at the Big Chill restaurant in the Delaware Seashore State Park at the South Inlet. I can attest to the beautiful ocean views from that vantage point. Heather taught in elementary schools in the Gettysburg Area School District for 37 years and retired from her most recent first-grade teaching position in 2016. She worked part time at the Dobbins House gift shop and now continues her dedication to volunteer work in her new community as she did in her old. Heather has two grandsons in Pennsylvania, ages 5 and 9 months. Sadly, there are deaths to report. Eric Lindeman died on Aug. 24 in Gettysburg after a diagnosis of cancer in late July. He is survived by his wife, Rita Frealing and his three sons, Ian, Gavin, and Cai with his former wife, Hayley Hoffman. After graduation, Eric studied English and journalism at the U of Pittsburgh before starting a career in journalism in Knoxville, TN, writing about issues surrounding the Tennessee Valley Authority. From there, he took a position at NY Nuclear Corp., where he wrote a book co-authored with Anita Blumenthal on nuclear fuel disposal and recycling. Following that, he moved to Washington, D.C., where he co-founded International Nuclear Associates, a weekly newsletter for executives and policymakers in the nuclear energy industry. He concluded his career as a writer for The Energy Daily, published by London-based IHS Markit. Shortly after retiring to Gettysburg, Eric married Rita in May 2020. They shared a love of politics, music, crossword puzzles, and poring over The New York Times and the Gettysburg Times discussing the news of the day. Eric also enjoyed reading, cooking, gardening, carpentry, and listening to classical music. He inherited his father’s dry wit and professorial conversational style. He had an extraordinary group of friends who loved him dearly. Michael Kennedy passed away on Oct. 3, 2021. He is survived by his loving wife of 44 years, Leda (Noecker), and his children, Alexandra and Nicholas. Following graduation from G’burg, he completed two post-graduate programs in benefits and retirement plans at the Wharton School of the U of PA. Mike was in the financial services business since 1977, holding various management, sales, consulting, and administrative positions with Wachovia, Meridian Bank, and American
Bank. Most recently, he had founded the Kennedy Group at Merrill Lynch and served as a senior financial advisor and vice president. He was a devoted husband, father, son, and friend to many. He was one of the founders of the Wyomissing Area Basketball Club and coached youth basketball, soccer, and baseball. He loved collecting Lionel trains, playing guitar, and doing home improvement projects. Calvin Kaiser passed away Oct. 10, 2021, after a short battle with brain cancer. Calvin resided in Newington, CT, and spent his career as a sales manager in the manufacturing industry until retirement in 2015. He received his MBA from the U of Hartford. Upon retirement, he worked as a seasonal tax preparer for H&R Block. Cal loved the game of golf and enjoyed the last few years playing with friends. He is survived by his wife of 37 years, Cynthia, and son Alexander. My deepest sympathies to the families and friends of Eric, Michael, and Calvin.

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Dusty Goodell wrote that he and his wife Angela just celebrated their 34th wedding anniversary and are the parents to three wonderful daughters whom they have brought to Gettysburg College’s campus over the years. Dusty has shared quite a few stories of four great years, many of which included friends Scott Johnson, Tim Rexon, and Kenny Perry. In Dusty’s own words—“great school, great environment, and many fond memories.” Thanks for writing in, Dusty! And we have a “guest contributor” this time thanks to our fellow classmate, Bucky Newsome, whom I reached out to gather news on the whereabouts of some of our classmates we haven’t heard from or about in a while. Thankfully, Bucky complied and here is what we now know. Thanks, Bucky. And I know that you are now officially using the name “Buck,” but I just can’t help but refer to you as Bucky, since that is how we all remember you!

“I’m in touch with Billy Kramer who has lived in Fort Worth, TX, for 40 years. BK is a longtime financial advisor at Merrill Lynch with retirement on the horizon. Billy and his wife Jeri have two grown daughters, Lara and Lauren, who live in Asheville, NC, and New York City, respectively. For many years, I had made an annual visit to the famous Fort Worth Rodeo in January and February—the visit was usually just an excuse to have a few cold ones and listen to good country music with Billy. I also stay in touch with Al Danielson, who lives in Timonium, MD, with his wife of 39 years, Kathy. Al and Kathy have two grown children who live not far away in the Baltimore-D.C. area. Al celebrated his 39th wedding anniversary in August 2021 at the Greenbrier in WV. Al and I saw the Orioles spring training game in Sarasota, FL, in March 2021. Al retired from RBC in May 2021 after a long career in the financial services industry. Al paints, golfs, and travels in his newfound leisure time. As for Bucky, he moved to my old hometown of Cincinnati from the East Coast in May 1988 and has three kids who were raised there. He’s proud to report that they all are good, productive, law-abiding citizens who live within 5 miles. There are also five grandchildren he sees every week. They have filled a space in his heart that he never knew was empty. Bucky is the co-owner and managing director of Cambridge Financial Group, an investment advisory firm based in Columbus, OH. He plans to continue in that role for as long as he’s healthy and having fun—don’t we all! Bucky and his son are also the co-owners of a private equity firm, CB Advisory Partners, LLC, through which they have invested in various private businesses, including Workhorse Brewing Company in King of Prussia, PA, and a licensed cannabis business in OR. Whoever is on the planning committee for the Class of ’78 needs to get in touch with Bucky about getting some supplies for our next reunion! Finally, Bucky shared a very sweet story about his youngest grandson who was born on Oct. 30, 2019. For any baseball fans, particularly if you live in Washington, D.C. or Houston, that happened to be Game 7 of the World Series.

Bucky was ready to hop on a plane to Houston to see the game with his buddies when his daughter called to say she was in labor. As a result, he told them he couldn’t go and got to the hospital just in time for Wes’ birth and to see Anthony Rendon and Howie Kendrick’s home runs clinch the World Series for the Nats! The little guy is forever nicknamed “Nat.” Since Gettysburg, I have lived in Washington, D.C., and have embraced the Nationals. My husband has been a season ticket holder since the team came to D.C. in 2005. After having lived through many really bad years, we were beyond ecstatic when the Nats won the World Series four days after our daughter was married on the night of Game 4 of the series. Luckily, Game 4 wasn’t close, so D.C. wedding guests weren’t glued to the TVs, but we did have the band play a rousing version of “Baby Shark.”

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Dick Hollyday wrote recently from East Lyme, CT. He has been married for 21 years to Janet Adams and working in various technology and cybersecurity roles over the years. Dick said he is thinking of retirement and added that he is still playing the guitar. Eva Konkoly Hess Phillips’ tennis team participated in the U.S. Tennis Association’s Tennis 3.5 Ladies 55+ playoff championships near Lancaster, PA, at the end of the season. Although they didn’t make the finals, their team was No. 2 in their league. Karen Jones Sabatino is in her 10th year working part time as the assistant librarian in a Catholic K-8 school near her. She just became a grandma when her youngest daughter had a baby girl in October 2021, and she is loving her new role. Karen’s other daughter lives in Miami, a great place to visit in the winter! One of Jeffrey Shiffman’s York College students, Lindsay Bonner, has been named a finalist in the College Broadcasting Inc. National Media
Awards competition. Her piece, “The Impact of COVID on Broadcast Journalists,” was an assignment for Jeff’s podcasting class! In October 2021, The Hodges Partnership, a Richmond strategic communications firm co-founded by Josh Dare, was named to Inc. magazine’s list of the 2021 Best Workplaces. His firm was one of 429 honorees among thousands of submissions. The firm has been consistently ranked among the top public relations firms in the country by O’Dwyer’s and PRNews, and has been regularly named as one of the “Best Places to Work” by Virginia Business magazine. In October 2021, Craig Fryhle made a “wonderful rim-to-rim (R2R) crossing of the Grand Canyon” with some good friends. He was thankful for the logistical support from other longtime friends who couldn’t do the crossing this time. Every aspect of the trip was truly, well, grand! Barbara Nelson Neville, a broker and sales associate for Core Real Estate Agency in Turnersville, NJ, was presented with a 2021 Top Agent Award for performing in the top 15 percent. Susan Morrison Phelan has a book coming out next fall with Chicken Scratch Press. The working title is “Miss Classified.” It is a middle-grade novel. She also notes that she appeared in a 2021 Christmas movie entitled “Hot Chocolate Holiday” on the Lifetime network, which aired on Dec. 24. Tom Koutris continues to volunteer as an ombudsman, visiting, advocating for, and assisting residents in long-term care facilities. While visiting family in Baltimore, he stopped in and visited the 92-year-old mother of Don Cooney, his college roommate, in her assisted living facility. After 35 years in Ogensburg, NJ, Barbara Myhre Koch and her husband Rob ’76 sold their home and relocated to Venice, FL, near their son, Craig. Rob retired in 2020, and Barb plans to retire in 2022. She looks forward to a post-COVID reunion with lifelong Second Stine friends Tori Beach Hickerson, Lori Brucker Stevens, and Diane Heller Stabb. Congratulations to George White and Lee McCullough White ’78 on becoming first-time grandparents in October 2021! I am sad to report that we lost a classmate, Caroline Allen Skrabak, on Nov. 1, 2021. We also lost Ken Mott, beloved professor of political science and husband of classmate Lovette Eichelberger Mott.

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Gettysburg College Class of 1979

1980
Jay McCarl wrote to share news of a retirement gathering he attended for John Welch. John retired after 40 years selling municipal bonds in NYC, as he moves back to IL near his family. John “Buck” Stevenson and Bob Bunting were also in attendance. With sadness, we share that Douglas Ley passed away in spring 2021. After leaving Get’burg, he became a distinguished professor, union leader, and state representative.

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Gettysburg College Class of 1980

1981
Hoping you and your loved ones are healthy and happy. As I write this column in October 2021, we look forward to our postponed 40th Reunion, which will now take place in June. Be on the lookout for information about this opportunity to reconnect with your 1981 classmates. I hope you are able to attend. My mailbox is empty, and I know we would all love to hear your news. Please take a moment to email, text, or call me. Wishing you a happy 2022!

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Our column begins with some sad news shared by Gregory Naryshkin. He recently learned that Karl Raunikar, who left after our freshman year, passed away in September of 2014 after a long illness. Karl spent his 25-year career as a lab technician at Hartford Hospital in CT. You can learn more here: https://bit.ly/Raunikar. And now, mark your calendars! Our Reunion is set for June 2-5, 2022! I could write about what our classmates are up to and why you should join us for Reunion Weekend, but instead, here are the words of some of our friends serving on our reunion committee. If you want to hear more from these (and other!) folks, you’ll just need to pack your bags next June. Here goes: “After retiring in 2016, I have continued to live in Roswell, GA, with my wife Diane. We sold the family home three years ago and moved to a townhouse in Roswell’s historic district, where we love being able to walk everywhere we need to go! After the past two years of the pandemic, I am really looking forward to coming back to Gettysburg for our 40th Reunion and hope everyone decides it’s time to visit our alma mater!” – Tom Duane, reunion committee co-chair. “Hey, Class of ‘82! We are really excited about our upcoming reunion. We are hoping to have a great turnout! I have to say that the older we get, the more we appreciate these reunions become. We get a chance to visit with people we might not have even known all those years ago! Please mark the date and consider joining us.” – Pam MacPherson, reunion committee co-chair. “I am looking forward to our 40th Reunion because I haven’t been on campus since 2009—that was when I attended the Civil War Institute with my son, John!” – Irene Arnold Waddill. “I’m looking forward to returning to campus for our 40th to reunite with fellow classmates and to celebrate the special bond that we have with this extraordinary college.” – Linda Weaver Towe. “I look forward to seeing old friends, touring the campus, and remembering our days at Gettysburg College. 
I was fortunate enough to return this past fall for the Class of 2020’s graduation ceremony in which two of my nephews finally walked with their classmates after a 16-month delay due to the pandemic. The College community came together to provide an outstanding program on a spectacular fall day. I’m even more excited now to return this spring for what I know will be a great celebration and a time to reconnect with friends.” – Kelly Barnes Stewart.

“I came to Gettysburg College as a naïve 17-year-old. I couldn’t imagine ever being 40 years old, never mind having a 40-year Reunion. I always enjoy my time back on campus and am hoping that those who frequently return will continue to come back, and those who have stayed away for many years will come back to reminisce and to make new memories. When you come back this June, please stop me and say ‘Hi.’ You will probably have to reintroduce yourself to me.” – Lawrence Cuneo.

And those thoughts, my friends, are just the beginning of our “next chapter.” Stay up to date at our class page on the College website (https://bit.ly/ gettysburg82) and in our Facebook group (http://www.bit.ly/gburg82). Also, we have a new Instagram feed: @gburg82. Please follow it, tag us, and use our hashtag #gburg82 for your own reunion-related posts. And lastly (insert drum roll here): See you in June!

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Gettysburg College Class of 1983

Not much to report this go-round. It

she’s looking forward to hitting the golf

course and learning pickleball from Carol
(Daly) Cantele. Are you leaving the

workaday world or going somewhere fun,

now that we can all travel again? Have you

recently exchanged knowing glances with a

D-list celebrity in an airport? (OK, I’m

reaching a little.) Please drop me a line and

share your news. I’m looking forward to

hearing from you.

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Gettysburg College Class of 1983

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I hope everyone had a happy holiday season. I haven’t heard from anyone in the
class since the last time. I hope you all are
doing well. Please be in touch with how
life is going for you. There must be some
things going on for you family-wise and
career-wise, or mini-reunions you have had
with friends from your Gettysburg days. I
wonder too how many of you are
approaching those years just before
retirement and what you are considering
doing in those enjoyable retirements ahead.

Write or email when you can.

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Gettysburg College Class of 1984

‘85

As you read the latest edition of Class
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unanticipated twist—we are getting used
to change. One thing is for sure, in 2025,
we will have an amazing 40th Reunion. Mark
your calendars now for May 29-June
1, 2025. I expect to see many of you since
I’m already hearing about retirements
among our class—no excuses; you have
lots of time to plan. It’s been fun following

many of you on Facebook, especially
former Gettysburg roommates Lou “I
Don’t Do Social Media” Montzoures
and Larry Gage. Lou and Larry (formerly
from Chicago, now hailing from Naples,
FL) seem to be living the retirement life
and are traveling (let me know if you need
to set the record straight). AJ Russo
continues to enjoy life as the football coach
for his former high school in New Jersey,
Holy Spirit. Lynn (Barnabo) and
Doug Patrick, along with Sue Kahrs
Greiter, are trading grandparent notes
with each other as their families grow.
Jeff Zembraski owns the JZ Ranch in
Nocona, TX. Let’s see who has the most
unusual job. Send them on so I have some
interesting columns to write in 2022. I also
want to hear about those who have retired
and what you are doing to pass the time.
I’ve been splitting my time, mostly in
Richmond, but at least once a month, we
make the eight-hour drive down I-95 to
paradise on Fripp Island, SC. If you are in the
area, give me a shout. I’d love to catch up.

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Gettysburg College Class of 1985

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Dear Class of ’86, it is finally, really, and truly
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and dust off your party clothes! Reunion is
back on, and plans are underway for it to
be held June 2-5. In the meantime, I have
lots of terrific updates to report on from
our class. A mini class reunion took place
when Carter and Sandy Griffith Sackman’s
daughter Morgan got married on Oct. 2,
2021. The following attended the event:
Nancy Gale Kovacevich, Cindy Slawek
Wittstock, Ginny Connover Vill, June
Schumm Bonnett, Mary Masselink
Bickel ’85, Lori Westra Yanes, Loretta
Drumgoole Lester, Karen Ulrich, Tom
Azelby, Billy Bridgen, and Steve Geiger.
Lisa Palm reported in with lots of fun class
news. After living in CA for 25 years, Lisa
and her husband are moving to Portland,
OR. Lisa switched careers from the
nonprofit development sector and started her own business teaching English as a Second Language to adults. She and her husband have two daughters—a senior at Arizona and a recent graduate from Washington State, now working in Portland. Well done! Lisa also reported that Madeline Yates is living in Gettysburg and is the executive director of the Campus Compact for mid-Atlantic colleges. She has a 7-year-old child who is attending kindergarten. Lisa was also kind enough to let us know that Jamie Berrier Steck lives in Loudounville, NY, with her husband and has been running her own physical therapy practice for 33 years. Jamie recently spent a week at the Jersey Shore with Mary Panettieri Santomauro, Deirdre Fallon Parker, Steve Parker ’85, Sandy Griffith Sackman, Carter Sackman, Nancy Gale Kovacevich, and Tom Kovacevich. It sounds like another fantastic mini reunion. Remember to please send me your good news and see you in June!

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Gettysburg College Class of 1986

‘87

Yes! We are celebrating our 35th Reunion at Gettysburg College June 2-5. And yes, we would love to have you join us at this milestone reunion. Let’s keep the momentum from our 25th Reunion where we set an all-time record high attendance for all reunion classes and from our 30th Reunion where we exceeded our expectations for our class gift. Let’s do this together! Bruce Braunewell reported that he and his wife Liz are married 31 years in 2021 and enjoy being empty nesters. Christine (Pistoia) Rover is in Tampa, FL, with her husband Randy celebrating 25 years of marriage and enjoying island life. Laurie (Acquaire) and Glen Vilim are empty nesters, splitting time between NJ and their PA vacation home. Laurie drove cross country with her son Carter this summer and reported that she keeps in touch with fellow classmates Betsy (Fixter) Bosek and Jenny (Gedstad) DeMuth. Janis (Vosburgh) and David Richards recently visited with the Vilims at one of their favorite restaurants in the area of their respective vacation homes. Janis teaches preschool in their hometown of Havertown, PA, while Dave manages the family business and referees high school soccer in the fall. Kim (Foehl) Schultz and her husband Bob are empty nesters and are spending time chasing waterfalls as their two kids launch their professional careers. Kim is a math instructor at Penn State Brandywine and they reside in Media, PA. Bessie (Mandes) Airey lives in Reston, VA, with her husband Scott and just celebrated her 15th anniversary working as a talent business advisor for Deloitte. Her sister Barbara (Mandes) Donovan also lives in Reston, VA, with her husband Brian and their Springer Spaniel Zoe. Barb works for BMC Software as the federal channel program manager. Karen (Ellinwood) Acker and her husband Kerry live in Coatesville, PA, and have been married for 26 years and have two beautiful daughters. Karen reports life is good! Matt Rockstroh lives in Phoenix, MD, with his wife Beth and has three children, two daughters and a son. Matt reported that Seth Bendian has recently opened a restaurant in Hackensack, NJ, called SideBar at the National Hotel. Matt Verville and Sean Murphy visited with Seth at the new restaurant before the grand opening, according to Matt. Eric Toburen lives in Harleysville, PA, and loves to fish, hike, and enjoy the outdoors with his three kids and his new wife Diann. Deirdre Winston O’Donnell recently returned to RTW Investments after working as director of operations at Rocket Pharma. Deirdre visited with Sarah Hitch Bardi this summer while visiting her son in Dallas, and her daughter is newly married.

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Hi, friends! I’m sorry to start with very sad news. Our classmate Karen Sgrollini Heilman passed away on Sept. 9, 2021. She was a member of Alpha Delta Pi, and she also played on the basketball team. Karen taught high school English in Chatham County, NC, for more than 20 years. She advocated strongly for her students and received Chatham Central’s Teacher of the Year award in 2018. She loved spending time with her family and friends and enjoyed books, music, the beach, Disney, and college sports. Keep Karen’s husband Newt and her daughters Becca and Sara in your thoughts. Life is short. Make the most of each day, be grateful for all you have, and hug your friends and loved ones every chance you get. Stacey Herring Abeles and her husband David Abeles ’87 live in Hagerstown, MD. Stacey is the extended service and outreach coordinator for Children in Need, a local nonprofit. Dave is managing director for Abeles Flurie Wealth Management. Their oldest son Zach just received his master’s degree in Spanish from Middlebury College. Their middle son Connor is a songwriter and lead musician for his LA-based band (CABELLIS). Their daughter Sophie graduated from Boston U in 2020 and won the Fulbright scholarship. She will be teaching and acting as a Fulbright ambassador in the Canary Islands. Christine Maginnis, Donna Klassen, and their friend Samara Daly have launched a new national nonprofit called Let’s Talk Menopause. They’re a 501(c)(3) invested in changing the conversation around menopause so women are empowered to get the information they need and the support they deserve.
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mini reunion with Ben Reuter and Jennifer Ely Nemecek. Jen N. was passing through on a road trip with her dad at the time, and her visit was truly a great surprise. Ben is still living in Pittsburgh. It sounds as if you all had a great time at your get-together! After a seven-year expat gig in London, Jamie Parkinson and his family have returned to life in Washington, D.C.! Their older daughter has just started her freshman year at Middlebury College in VT and the younger daughter is in sixth grade in D.C. A fun fact—while in England, the Parkinson family lived in the former house of A. A. Milne, author of the children's stories about Winnie The Pooh. How cool is that? Jamie will continue to shuttle back and forth to the United Kingdom for his law firm in London, so reach out if you’re there. It’s great to have you back in the states, Jamie, and it was good to catch up with you recently. Fellow classmates, please keep the news—boring or not—coming my way! Let’s make plans for our 35th Reunion now.

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Christine Adams’ poem, “Memorial Day,” will appear in The Red Wheelbarrow, an annual journal published in East Rutherford, NJ. Christine is currently working on a piece of nonfiction that focuses on the history of New Preston, CT, from the perspective of the people who dwelled in her 240-year-old cottage. Peter Vermilyea ’95, a local historian and social studies chair at Housatonic Valley Regional High School, helped her with the research for this upcoming work. Stay tuned!

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No updates to share. Hope everyone had a happy and healthy holiday season!

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Interested in volunteering as a Class Notes correspondent and catching up on all the latest news with your classmates? Contact Joe Lynch ’85 in the Alumni Relations Office (jlynch@gettysburg.edu; 717-337-6522) or Laura Carr in Communications and Marketing (lcarr@gettysburg.edu; 717-337-6800) for more information.

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Emilia (Armytage) Kefford wrote that she and husband Dean welcomed Ella Nancy this summer in Sydney, Australia. “She is an absolute delight and has really completed our family. The boys adore her and she loves them just as much. No one can make her laugh like her brothers do!”

Congrats, Kefford family! Brett Miller and family had their third child, Lucy, last year. After an eventful three years, they are leaving Texas and heading back west to the LA area. Best of luck, Miller family! I’m still living in Pennsylvania and working as a 6-12 art teacher. Our third-grade twins are keeping us busy with various sports, music, and art. I’m happy to be coaching my daughters’ lacrosse team and playing on a women’s practice league with Catherine (Wiedwald) Stenta. Thanks for welcoming me into my new role as class correspondent. I look forward to hearing from you!

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Lisa Routel is a marketing strategy executive at Verizon’s global headquarters, where she leads the development and execution of integrated, omni-channel marketing campaigns and strategies for the Verizon Up program. Verizon Up is Verizon’s award-winning loyalty program, and Lisa has personally been recognized with Verizon Spotlight Rewards for going far above and beyond and demonstrating Verizon’s core values. Lisa was a chemistry major at Gettysburg and worked as a process research scientist in the pharmaceutical industry before transitioning to marketing strategy following business school. She earned an MBA from the NYU Stern School of Business, and she remains involved in the alumni community as the vice chair of the Stern Alumni Chapter of NJ. She also continues to stay in contact with Gettysburg alumni and attended the reception for President Bob Iuliano at the Union League Club in NYC.

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Kate MacArthur married Shawn Shortridge July 18, 2021, in Sedona, AZ. Class of 2002 alumni in attendance included Sara (Holman) Deriu, Brooke (McDonald) Fritz, Erin (McLean) Mir, and Sarah (Whitworth) Zoll. They honeymooned in the Maldives and reside in Louisiana. It is with sadness this class update is shared. We lost a classmate last summer: Mariesa C. Hinchey passed away suddenly on Friday, June 25, 2021. She grew up in Havertown, PA, and graduated from Radnor High School. She earned a degree at Northeastern U in 2004. She was recently employed as a project coordinator at Havertown Partnership for Economic Development and previously worked for Peirce College and Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine. She was a devoted mother and wife, loving daughter, beloved aunt, and cherished friend to many. She loved to sew and cross stitch, was an avid reader, and adored all animals, especially her dog Action and cats Coqueta and Sanchez. She will be remembered most for her sharp wit, radiant smile, and infectious laugh. Mariesa is survived by her husband, Bernard Kenzakowski; her daughters, Julia and Violet; her mother, Christine Leonard née Kayfield; her stepfather, Gregory Leonard; her stepmother, Karen Hinchey née Delany; and 12 nieces and nephews. She is preceded in death by her father, Carl Hinchey.

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Gettysburg College Class of 2003
Hello, Class of 2004! **Brooke Krovic** has very exciting news to share. Brooke and her husband Ivan Hrabric moved their family to Zagreb, Croatia, in June. They have two kids, Ljiljana, 7, and James, 5, and they all moved there permanently from the United States. Ivan is of Croatian descent, and Brooke has been wanting to go back to Europe ever since her study-abroad experience at Gettysburg. Very exciting Brooke—definitely keep us updated about your adventures living abroad. **Shannon Maria (Switzer) Brower** continues to rock her career with her husband Tommy; they have expanded their breakfast and lunch concept to Shoobies by Bright Spot in Sea Isle City, NJ. Famous for their character breakfasts, her Paul Hall RA Jay Gallagher ’03 has already brought his family by for a memorable meal. Keep your updates coming!

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**Gettysburg College Class of 2004**

On Feb. 11, 2021, **Jillian Reese** passed away, leaving behind two boys Trip and Chase, ages 8 and 6, respectively. Classmate **Diana Brennan** gave a gift in memory of Jillian. **Jaclyn (Cervo) Jacobson** of Alpha Delta Pi and **Shawn Jacobson** of Sigma Nu welcomed their third child, Finley-Shawn Jacobson Delta Pi and Omega Delta Pi. **Diana Brennan** continues her work as a school counselor as well as an adjunct instructor for the School of Education at UVA. Shawn continues his work as an executive director for RMC Events.

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**Gettysburg College Class of 2005**

It was great seeing some classmates during Homecoming in September. **Davy Crumplar** and his wife Sarah welcomed their first child, John “Jack” Crumplar, on Nov. 19, 2020. **Hannah (Schlesinger) Hirsch** was recently promoted to senior development officer, corporate and foundation partnerships, at Mercy Corps. And on Aug. 25, 2021, I married David Hirsch. We live in Portland, OR, with our beloved Australian Shepherd, Reuben. **Satin Matthews** purchased a new house in Baltimore, MD, with her beautiful daughter, Olivia. She also welcomed a new dog, Leo! In an effort to support small and minority business owners, frequently share reminders about this on Facebook along with new products. **Anna Jordan** and **Crystal (Ebert) Parker**, unbeknownst to me, really followed my post and have found good products to support. Crystal just purchased a new home and her passion for Pilates is still going strong. Anna believes her life is boring, and when I make the call for a post, she has nothing to add! Anna has been an amazing online friend during the pandemic, creating spaces for friends with kids and recipe exchange. Her life updates about her house, her pets, and travel are great, too. Please send in all of your updates—no life thing is too big or too small. Your classmates miss you.

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**Gettysburg College Class of 2006**

Former junior and senior year roommates **Chris Brown** and **Ben Fidler** wrote and illustrated, respectively, a children’s book titled “Roll Cyrus Roll: The Adventures of Cyrus the Colt.” The book has been featured on the news, and the full background story viewed over 1 million times on social media. More than 600 copies have sold, and the book raised more than $1,500 for charity in its first two months. **Dan “Stumps” Cianciarulo** and his wife Jenn welcomed a baby boy on May 13, 2021, named Samson “Sam” Jude Cianciarulo. Sam is Stumps’ third child. He is also the proud dad of Ben (6) and Isla (4). **Jean Schumacher** moved to Falls Church, VA, to become an elementary ESOL teacher in 2020. She also became a proud aunt in January 2021. **Alicia (Kelly) Derrick** and her husband William welcomed a baby girl named Kaitlin Elizabeth on April 15, 2021, at the Reading Hospital. In the same hospital, only five and a half months later, Alicia’s good friend **Barbara (Creveling) Schleicher** and her husband Adam (Alicia’s cousin) welcomed a healthy little boy—on his due date—named Bennett Bradley. Two Gettysburg friends became family, whose babies will grow up together—just the best! **Scott Kenner** and Duley (Gregory) Kenner ’06, along with big sister Annalee, welcomed Effie Afton to their family Sep. 22, 2021, in Aspen, CO. After living in Los Angeles for the past nine years, **Sara Fry** moved back to NYC last June to accept a job at Amazon. **Henry Fulcher** has been working at Genpact and handling their PayPal account as a consultant. Henry and Shannon (Nowlin) Fulcher ’06 recently celebrated their 11-year wedding anniversary. **Gabriela (Eльперн) Nagy** and her husband Scott welcomed a baby boy, Henry “Hank” Robert, on June 28, 2021. On Sept. 25, 2021, **Sarah Dugan** married Joshua Wise in a small ceremony with close friends and family. Rachel Holmes ’08 served as a bridesmaid. Sarah and Josh live in Drexel Hill, PA, where Sarah works as a senior benefits specialist with Santander Bank. **Andrew Mitchell** and his wife Lindsay welcomed a son, George Warner, on July 30, 2021. **Karen (Baldwin) Vickery** and her husband Bladen welcomed their second child in May 2021, a son named Thomas. He joins older sister Evelyn. **Martha (Rysinski) and Fred Reimer** are
happy to announce the arrival of their son Freddie, born on Sept. 21, 2021. Freddie joins his big sister Katherine. And, finally, I’m sending lots of love to one of my very best friends, Sheri (McCarthy) Preece, who, along with her husband Lee, welcomed a daughter, Violet, on Aug. 18, 2021. Violet weighed 8 pounds, 4 ounces, and she joins doting big brothers Jack (6) and Cole (4). After living life as New Yorkers for quite some time, Sheri, Lee, and the kiddos now reside in Ridgefield, CT.

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Hello, Class of 2011. I have a few updates to share. Sally Quinn married Patrick Finn at The Church of St. Paul the Apostle on May 15, 2021, in New York City. The following Gettysburgians were in attendance: Caroline Tamposi, Abigail Finck, Kerri Norris, Katharine Claire (Gravery-Hall) Garvey-Cusack, Conor Finn ’14, Katie Alldian ’12, Liberase Iannarone ’93, and David Alldian ’77. Mike Patterson, Lizzy Palmer, James Guyer, Rebecca (Stevens) Guyer, Leigh (Weitzmann) Stewart, and Jeremy Stewart had a reunion in Portland, ME, for a weekend of brewery hopping and lobster roll eating. New to the crew were future Bullets, Henry Robert Guyer and Graham Michael Stewart. Lastly, I recently earned my Doctor of Philosophy degree (Ph.D.) in higher education from Old Dominion U. I wish everyone the best. Please continue to send me updates!

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GETTYSBURG College Class of 2012

2013

Happy winter, Class of 2013! Andrew Egbert married fellow Gettysburgian Catherine Daniels this fall. Andy and Cat met the week of Orientation in 2009.

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2014

Amada (Crespin) Bond was recently promoted to project manager after six months of working at the International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP). She currently manages two of three anti-human trafficking projects—one provides TTA for combating human trafficking to law enforcement, prosecutors, victim service providers, government agencies, human trafficking task force members, and other professionals. For her other project, she is helping to develop a curriculum for high school students to promote prevention and awareness of human trafficking. This curriculum is slated to be piloted in two schools in early 2022, and she will be helping with the onboarding program for school resource officers (SROs) and other facilitators. After the curriculum is piloted, five other high schools will be chosen for implementation of the program. Rebecca Szyszka is happy to announce that she welcomed a daughter, Aliyah Douglas, with her husband, John, on Aug. 5, 2021. Michelle (Black) Morritz married Adam Morritz on April 17, 2021. In attendance at their ceremony were Kasey Varner, Morgan (Marianelli) Allen ’15, Shannon Brobst ’15, and Rachel Fry ’15.

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2015

Wedding bells are in the air for the Class of 2015! In October 2021, Brooke (Dubnoff) Cunningham said, “I do,” in front of her family and closest friends, including her Gettysburg roommates Erin Gallagher, Kaity Bourne, Coby Rudakewiz, Kelly Westerman, Paige Ruland, and Chad Killen. Casey Mensinger and Rich Cornish ’16 tied the knot in November. Among the Gettysburg alums in attendance were Emily Hauck ’14, Alex Krajek, William Simon ’14, Megan Fowle, Louis Gorst, Chris Schott, Logan Phillips, Erin Brennan, Declan Sullivan ’16, Sarah Roessler ’16, Elizabeth Belair ’16, Bethany

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The Class of 2015 on their many personal and professional achievements!

Eric Lee earned a master’s degree from the George Washington U in new media photojournalism and is now a freelance photojournalist in Washington, D.C. His work has been published in The Atlantic, Bloomberg News, National Geographic, New York Magazine, NPR, The Washington Post, and more. Also living in D.C. is Harry Fones, who just started a new role as communications director for the House Select Committee on the Economy. Gina Lucchese began a new role as a research director for a market research firm and recently moved back to PA. Maddy (Sensani) Miller is currently working as a digital marketing manager at AHF Products in Lancaster, PA. She finally had her big wedding celebration this summer after having a smaller ceremony in 2020. Tessa (Crist) Dunbar also got married in 2021; Tessa currently works as a high school math teacher. In the early spring of 2021, Taylor (Flatau) Ruth began a new role as the clinical nursing coordinator for WellSpan Urgent Orthopedics and Sports Medicine. Paige Ruland graduated with her master’s degree in psychology in May 2021 and is now a school psychologist in Raleigh, NC. Chad Killen graduated from optometry school and is now an optometrist and clinical instructor at Salus U in Philadelphia. Coby Rudakewiz graduated from veterinarian school and works as a vet in Hershey, PA, while Kelly Westerman is in her sixth year of teaching high school students and recently celebrated closing on her first home. Classmate Kaitly Bourne is in her fourth year of teaching second grade students. She recently moved to Long Island City, NY, to live with her Gettysburg sweetheart, Dimitri Mortsakis ’16. Finally, Alex Krajek is a COVID nurse at the U of Virginia and recently joined a hockey league in Madison.

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Gettysburg College Class of 2017
Greetings to all Gettysburg alums. Here’s what a few members of the Class of 2018 have been up to since graduation! Connor Sweeney currently lives outside of Washington, D.C., where he is working for a technology company called Appian. He plans on moving to Denver at the start of the new year for a promotional position as an account executive. In his free time, Sweeney has been making electronic music and has signed his music to various record labels in both Europe and the United States. Former member of the Gettysburg BOLD Council, Khemilla Kedarnath has completed the Urban Teachers Program through Johns Hopkins U. She has also received her Master of Science in education with certification in special education. Currently, Khemilla teaches first grade students in Washington, D.C. Andy Milone has moved multiple times since graduating, since he has been establishing himself in his journalism career. He has worked throughout the tri-state area as a news reporter and has since moved to Cedar Falls, Iowa, where he works at a mid-sized daily newspaper covering city government content. He intends to stay in Iowa for the foreseeable future and in his free time enjoys volunteer work, sports, and staying in touch with his fellow Gettysburgians. Julianne Boggs attended the Murphy Deming College of Health Sciences in Virginia, where she received her doctorate in occupational therapy. The research she conducted during her time there supported presentations that were accepted at state and national conferences. She completed a doctoral capstone project that focused on the benefits of theater-based interventions for individuals with autism spectrum disorder. She is currently working as a pediatric occupational therapist in Connecticut. As always, I wish you all the best!

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Gettysburg College Class of 2019

Hi, Class of 2020! Since our last update, several of our classmates have started medical school: Amanda Benfante and Erin Harten at Drexel U College of Medicine, Megan Zierold at Saint Louis U School of Medicine, and Sarahrose Jonik at Penn State College of Medicine. Rachael Pulica began her Ph.D. candidacy in the molecular biology, genetics, and cancer track at Rutgers Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences. Kyle McIntyre started his master’s degree in environmental law at Lewis and Clark College. Darby Nisbett was interviewed by VoyageBaltimore. The local magazine marks her as an inspirational person to follow in the Baltimore area for her fashion, mental health, and body acceptance content on her Instagram account and blog. Please reach out with any news. I look forward to hearing from you!

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CLASS PHOTOS

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2. Liz (Beebe) Hayes ’00, Annie (Pryor) Brooks ’00, Traci (Bergan) DeBakker ’00, Stacey (Elwood) Head ’00, Lauren (Morrell) Frazer ’00, Torrey (Stifel) Kist ’00, and Jill (McFarland) Condon ’00 gathered for a girls weekend in Avalon, NJ, this past fall. We reminisced and laughed all weekend long!

3. From the marriage of Ida Zhao ’15, left to right: Lionel Hong ’12, Binglei Chen ’15, Ziyi Xu ’15 (Sirius), Ida Zhao ’15 (bride), Kuan Wang ’15 (Kay), Ami, Yao Guo ’14, Yi Li ’17


5. From the Misurell wedding, softball teammates: Genie Lavanant ’17, Sam Nestor ’17, Sam Misurell ’17, Aileen Reilly ’18, and Jamie Abell ’17

6. 1958 graduates who got together in Hershey, PA, during the summer of 2021. Left to right; Janet Bickle Hoenniger Davis, Bitty Owens Schravesande, and Bonnie Bankert Rice

7. From the Jaeger/Stoops wedding, front row from the left: Alyssa DiMaria ’19, Bailey Pilder ’19, Katelyn Neillands ’17, Jackie Perotti ’17, Katie Willis ’18, Cassie Smith ’18, and Emma Christie ’17; Back row from the left: Andrew Andreade ’20, Jaida Sanchez ’21, Dan Ebert ’20, Lou Carusillo ’18, Lenny Ogozalek ’18, Anthony Puca ’18, Brandon Carcuffe ’17, Camden Stoops ’17, Caroline Stoops, Thomas Ramsay ’22, Ella Orzechowski ’20, Brooke Holechek ’19, Mike Cantele ’88, Carol Cantele ’83, Gerry Gonsalves ’83, and Crawford Oswald ’19
IN MEMORIAM

ALL DATES ARE 2021 UNLESS NOTED

'45 Harry C. Sweeney, Oct. 20
'47 Marcia Maguire Gooldy, Feb. 16
'49 Betty Koenig, July 24
Don W. Peterson, June 15
Mildre Haabestad Wald, Oct. 17
'50 Laurence H. King, July 11
M. Eugene Mittel, Sept. 14
Theodore C. Schlack, Aug. 26
'51 Paul Lynn Brinton, Aug. 4
Emily Payne Hattery, June 17
'52 Ted Bell, Dec. 10*
Lois Kerstetter Snook, Dec. 21
Frederick Mahan, Aug. 13
Patricia Emlet Moore, May 23
Allen B. Pannell, May 31
Ruth Dickey Scheidt, Jan 4
'53 Dale A. Reighard, March 20*
Alan B. Washburn, Sept. 19
'54 Philip G. Guarneschelli, Sept. 28
Joseph J. Lang, Oct. 30
Barbara Morehead Shildneck, June 26
'55 Richard E. Geib, June 24
Joanne Hill Heller, Oct. 9
Fern L. “Jack” Houck, June 30
'56 Joan Shimkus Bower, June 20
Fred C. Brown, Sept. 5
H. Rodney Erwine, Sept. 14
Henry Mann III, May 12
Stephen J. Schulz, June 8
'57 Franklin F. Goodyear, June 20
Ruth Stromberg Kiess, Oct. 21
Elise H. Korman, Aug. 17
Paul E. McKay, July 9
Joan Habeker Patches, Oct. 28
John E. Schlecher Sr., May 30
Richard M. Wiese, July 3
'58 Joyce Hamm Elsner, Nov. 9
Margery E. Schuler, Sept. 29
Jacob E. Trimmer V, May 22
Edwin Q. Wright, Aug. 24
'59 Herbert M. Payne Jr., June 25
Robert M. Philson, June 16
'60 Halo Wines Bauer, June 15
Anita Brinckmann Davis, Oct. 16
Philip J. Gleason, Aug. 8
Richard E. Hess, Oct. 24
Judith Derr Hofmann, May 18
'61 Lance H. Butler, July 19
Lawrence G. Caruth, Oct. 1
Robert B. Girvan, Oct. 13
Alex M. Kessel, Sept. 22
Joseph P. Miele, May 26
William T. Neison Jr., Aug. 4
'62 W. John “Jack” Cassidy, May 22
Vincent P. Lipani, July 19
'63 Barbara Levering Blank, Sept. 28
Robert W. McKeen, Oct. 10
John M. Pawelek, May 31
'64 Gerald W. Coniff, Oct. 18
John F. Connolly, April 1
Thomas C. Crist Sr., Oct.
Nancy Helsel Davis, June 24
'65 Arvid M. Carlson, July 12
Laurence H. Woodward, Oct. 30
'66 John D. Barr, July 18
Thomas L. Hoffman, April 13
Robert M. Schmid, Sept. 24
'67 Joseph J. Egresitz Jr., Sept. 5
William C. Tomlinson, Sept. 25
'68 Stuart T. O’Neal Jr., Sept. 27
Elliot L. Stringham, June 24
'69 Gregory T. Layton, July 6
Joel H. Springer, Nov. 7
'70 Stephen V. Ash, Oct. 11
Paul M. Cecere, Oct. 14
Sherrie L. Gibble, April 27
'71 Richard E. Roulette, Nov. 8
'72 William G. MacKenzie, Sept. 21
'74 Wade C. Anastor, June 20
Halbert R. Carmichael Jr., June 1
Linda S. Merriam-Kuc, June 18
'75 Jane Buckingham Garofalo, Sept. 25
Charles “Gary” Williams, May 24
Jane Buckingham Garofalo, Sept. 25
Joan Sibigtroth Murphy, Sept. 6
'77 Calvin L. Kaiser Jr., Oct. 10
Michael S. Kennedy, Oct. 3
Eric D. Lindeman, Aug. 24
'80 Douglas A. Ley, June 10
'88 Karen Sbrollini Heilman, Sept. 9
'89 Donald L. Deardorff II, Oct. 22
'93 Norma Hasselberg Moore, Aug. 15
'02 Mairesa Hinchey, June 25
'05 Jillian Garr Reese, Feb. 11

RETIRED FACULTY & STAFF
Frank M. Chiteji, Sept. 7
Harold O. Closson Jr., Sept. 6*
William H. Jones, Aug. 21
Kenneth F. Mott, Oct. 30
Mary Margaret Stewart, Oct. 10
Robert F. Zellner, Aug. 21

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FRANK M. CHITEJI

Frank M. Chiteji passed away on Sept. 7 in Chicago, Illinois. Retired History Prof. Chiteji co-founded the Africana studies program with Economics Prof. Derrick Gondwe and served as its first director in 1988. He was one of only three Black faculty to be promoted to full professor at the College.

At his retirement celebration in 2010, students and faculty alike shared story after story about the ways in which Chiteji supported both domestic and international students and faculty of color over the course of his career. For so many students, faculty, and staff, Chiteji served as a resource, a comfort, a beacon, and a voice from home.

Chiteji is survived by children, Ngina, Jomo, Kuno, and Daniel Marama.

“Professor Chiteji’s impact was incredible during his lifetime and lives on today in his students and at Gettysburg College.”

Lindsay Musser Hough ’98

“I took a class with Professor Chiteji in my final semester at Gettysburg, and it was such a learning experience. He was a gentle and kind soul. May he rest in eternal heaven.”

Akbar Rizvi ’99

“Prof. Chiteji took my husband under his wing and helped him transition to the U.S. after immigrating here from the Congo. He will be sorely missed. We are so proud of the impact he had at the College and [on] students.”

Tracy Nzambi ’00

KENNETH F. MOTT

Kenneth “Ken” F. Mott, 81, passed away on Oct. 30, surrounded by his family. Mott taught at the College for 51 years and was instrumental in bringing both The Eisenhower Institute and the public policy program to Gettysburg. Mott was known among his political science colleagues and students to be a dedicated teacher, advisor, and mentor.

Much of his scholarship was centered on the First Amendment’s religion clause, and he published extensively on the subject. Toward the end of his career, Mott coauthored a considerable number of papers with students, and in 2003, he received the College’s Distinguished Teaching Award.

He is survived by his wife of 40 years, Lovette Mott, and his four children: Sean Mott, Kerry Mott, Chad Mott, and Leslie Varela. He also leaves behind seven grandchildren and a great-grandchild.

“My first class on my first day at Gettysburg began with Professor Mott. I remember exactly what he said even though it was in 1983. It was the first of many classes with Professor Mott and they were all memorable. A lifetime of service and a life well-lived.”

Scott Sauer ’87

“He epitomized everything that was and is wonderful about Gettysburg College.”

Tom Moore ’91

“I was proud to be a part of his group of advisees during my time at Gettysburg. Dr. Mott believed in each and every one of us because he saw value in everyone. In addition to being a fantastic professor, he became a trusted advisor and mentor to me for many years. I’ll never forget when I finished my PhD and he told me, ‘Kiddo, you have to call me Ken now!’ He always had an ear to listen and encouraged true intellectual curiosity. A true icon. Rest in eternal peace, O Captain. Sending prayers and love to his family and friends.”

Shelby Hockenberry ’99
MARY MARGARET STEWART

Mary Margaret Stewart, a retired Gettysburg College English professor, passed away on Oct. 10, at M.M. Ewing Continuing Care Center in Canandaigua, New York. Stewart was 90 years old.

She joined the English Department in 1959 and spent her entire career teaching at the College, retiring in 1996. Stewart was a trailblazer at Gettysburg, helping to create the College’s women, gender, and sexuality studies program and The Gettysburg Review. As a scholar, Stewart was active in the East-Central American Society of Eighteenth-Century Studies. She was also a lover of literature, a passionate art collector, and a supporter of the Schmucker Art Gallery.

Stewart is survived by her nieces and nephews, Bruce Stewart of Oneida, New York; David Stewart of Syracuse, New York; Gwyneth Stewart of Cincinnati, Ohio; Allen Stewart of Boerne, Texas; Bronwyn Ship of Canandaigua, New York; and Rhyssa Johnson of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania; 11 great-nieces and great-nephews; and two great-great nephews.

“She was a remarkable person and scholar. We were both in London during the summer of 1970. She was researching at the British Museum. We spent an afternoon strolling through Hyde Park. Such a dignified and gracious person, and steadfast in her commitment to academic achievement. I hold her dear in my memory.”

Robert S. Klein ’71

“She was an amazing role model for so many of us on the faculty. Smart, lively, articulate, not afraid to speak her mind, and such a great sense of humor! She was truly a Gettysburg College icon.”

President Emerita Janet Morgan Riggs ’77

“So sad to hear this. She was a wonderful person who contributed so much to the world. I remember sitting down for a cup of tea at the Women’s Center (on Stevens Street) in 1995 when I was working on an oral history project. Loved that talk and remember it like yesterday.”

Meredith Bove ’97

ROBERT F. ZELLNER

Robert “Bob” F. Zellner, 88, passed away on Aug. 2 at Londonderry Village in Palmyra, Pennsylvania, ending his battle with Parkinson’s disease. Zellner was a music professor at the College from 1968-1997, director of bands for 10 years, and two-time chair for our Music Department. With 30 years of service to Gettysburg College as an exceptional musician and mentor, he was loved by many and will be dearly missed.

He is survived by his loving and devoted wife of 66 years, Arlene Heckman Zellner; and two children: Kathy, of Eldersburg, Maryland, wife of John Saxton; and Gary, of Palmyra, husband of Carol. He had three grandchildren: Ryan Zellner; John Saxton, husband of Rebekka; and Matthew Saxton; and two great-grandchildren: Evelyn Zellner and Jarrett Saxton. He is also survived by his sister, Sandra, of Nazareth, Pennsylvania, wife of Dallas Yeakel, and many nieces and nephews.

For information about the Robert F. Zellner Music Education Award, please contact giving@gettysburg.edu or 1-800-238-5528.

“I was his first ‘student conductor.’ Bob was THE critical cog in my success as a music educator and administrator. He was a great man.”

Phil Taylor ’71

“So sad to hear of his passing. Bob’s passion for music was so contagious. It was a privilege to play in the marching and concert band under his direction. Rest in peace.”

Margey McLauchlan O’Brien ’80

“Bob was a wonderful person—easy to work with and always pleasant. I so enjoyed having him as a colleague. My sincere condolences to his loved ones.”

Judith Allen Brough, Retired Faculty
JOYCE C. ELSNER ’58, P ’82, P’85, P’95

Joyce C. Elsner passed away peacefully on Nov. 9, 2021, with her loving family by her side. She was 85 years young. After graduating from Eichelberger High School in 1954, Joyce entered Gettysburg College and graduated in the first class of B.S. music education with a minor in piano and organ in 1958. Her love of music was evident throughout her life. She and three local pianists, Nancy Leister, Mickey Fiery, and Joan Bowman, performed as “Duo Times Two” locally and along the East Coast, giving numerous piano concerts raising thousands of dollars for local charities.

Joyce served as a Gettysburg College Trustee from 2000-2012 and was elected a Trustee Emerita in 2012. Joyce was a member of the very first Music Education class in 1958 and her passion for music led her to continue being very active with the Music Department at Gettysburg after graduation. Joyce and her husband, Bert, helped to establish the Parker B. & Helen D. Wagnild Choir Tour fund and funding for the bronze statue of Parker Wagnild that was dedicated during Homecoming Weekend 2010. The custom-built fortepiano in the Sunderman Conservatory is available for practices, rehearsals, and performances, thanks to a generous gift from Joyce and Bert.

Along with being very active as a Trustee, with the Sunderman Conservatory of Music, and as a Cupola Society Member, Joyce graciously hosted many alumni events at her home and cottage. Joyce was an extraordinary individual and a devoted Gettysburgian.

As a lifetime member of St. Matthew Lutheran Church, she sang with the Sanctuary Choir for more than 50 years; was a member of the Music and Worship Committee and chairperson of public relations for the concert series; played with the hand bell choir; and performed preludes and offertories on organ and piano at worship services. Joyce also served on church council for three years. She sang with the Hanover Community Singers.

Joyce touched many lives through her service to the community. As a member of the board of True North Wellness (formerly Adams-Hanover Counseling Services) for more than 25 years and also serving as president for three terms, she was intimately involved in all of its subcommittees. Her other community service roles included president of the YW Wives Club, board member of the Hanover VNA, Hanover Public School District Co-operative Diversified Occupation Program assistant, loaned executive for York County United Way, and member of the Citizens Advisory Board for The Brethren Home. In addition, Joyce was a member of the Daughters of the American Colonists, Order of the Eastern Star, Hanover Hospital Women’s Auxiliary, the Hanover Country Club, and board member of the Hanover Symphony Orchestra.

Joyce received many honors during her lifetime for her works of service: the YWCA “Salute to Women” in 1990; the “Distinguished Community Service Award” from The Brethren Home Foundation in 1997; a Jefferson Award nomination in 1995; and Volunteer of the Year from the Mental Health Association of York County in 1998.

Born in Hanover, Pennsylvania, she was the oldest daughter of Lena Joyce Stambaugh Hamm and Lester Lawrence Hamm, and predeceased by two sisters, Susan R. Walters and Sandra E. Dubs ’60. She is survived by her husband, Bertram, with whom she shared 63 years of marriage, and three children: Cynthia Winter ’82 with husband Michael ’83 and granddaughters Abby Ingaglio and husband Joseph, and Julie Morgan and husband Shane; Leslie Bell ’85 with husband Robert and grandson Robert; and Bertram II ’95 with wife Lisa and grandson Benjamin.
WILLIAM H. JONES

William H. Jones passed away on Aug. 21, 2021, at his home in Arendtsville, Pennsylvania. Bill grew up in New Jersey and met his wife, Elaine during their college years. Bill and Elaine moved to Gettysburg in 1964, where Bill opened the first Gettysburg College Counseling Office. He taught classes, headed the Counseling and Health Center, and assisted students with psychological wellness for nearly 50 years. He became well known for sympathetically listening and helping people find solutions to their problems. Soon, he was sought out for counseling by other staff and faculty members, as well as people from the town. He continued to counsel students until his retirement in 2012.

Though small in stature, Bill was always a top-notch athlete, playing many sports, including tennis, ice hockey, and baseball, briefly pitching for a semi-pro team. He coached youth soccer and was an official soccer referee. But he was especially well-known for playing noon pick-up basketball games at the College into his 70s, often frustrating much younger players with his fancy ball-handling skills.

As devoted as he was to sports and his counseling work, he was most devoted to his wife and family. Bill and Elaine’s first son, Todd Edwin, is a professor of philosophy at the University of Nevada, Las Vegas, and their second son, Chad Wheaton, is the co-owner of Bonsai Fine Arts in New York. Their daughter, Marni Gail, is a learning specialist and the dean and director of access and disability services at Dickinson College.

In the early 1970s, Bill got involved in the civil rights movement and wrote a dissertation on integrating college campuses. He directed many service-learning projects and took college students on numerous missions to help poor people throughout the world. He also assisted his wife, Elaine, in many of her local and national causes.

Bill Jones had an inexhaustible supply of love, gratitude, and infectious good cheer. People would tend to feel optimistic even after a short conversation with him. He will be sorely missed in the community, and especially by his adoring wife, children, and six grandchildren.

FREDERICK MAHAN ’52

Frederick Mahan passed away peacefully on Aug. 13, 2021, at 90 years old. Fred was born in Charleston, West Virginia. He was the second of three sons born to immigrant parents, Albert and Angia Mahan. The happiest memories that he would share were the times in winter when the whole family would gather in their father’s grocery store after a long day to eat a home-cooked Lebanese meal and selling newspapers on the street with his close friends and rivals. Fred attended Staunton Military Academy, Gettysburg College, and the University of Michigan Law School. He spent two years serving in the Air Force.

Through the years of his residence and law practice in San Francisco, he remained in close touch with Gettysburg College, making frequent visits to campus, sustaining friendships and meeting new generations of students.

His generous gifts to Gettysburg College’s Philosophy Department inaugurated the annual Frederick and Martha Mahan Lecture Series and the Mahan Scholar program for Gettysburg students. Each year, on his spring return to Gettysburg, he would meet with Mahan Scholars, enjoy the company of Gettysburg faculty, and attend the annual, campus-wide Mahan lecture.

Fred had a passion for travel. He traveled with his lovely wife, Martha. Fred also enjoyed the opera and the symphony. He loved jazz, especially the old Preservation Hall Jazz Band. He was a good cook, and plating food was his specialty. Fred was an impeccable dresser—Gene Hiller was his store. He read philosophy books and books by the renowned Christian writers. He was a tremendous supporter of higher education.

An avid writer, he wrote and published a book called “Has America Lost Its Way? How to Survive The Decline of America.” In simple words, Fred explains our responsibility to ensure this does not happen.

Fred is survived by his daughter Maureen Grainger; son Mark Mahan; brother Rev. Richard G. Mahan; son-in-law Kevin Grainger; two grandchildren Grant and Caroline Grainger; and nieces and nephews Richard Mahan, Marcia Harris, Kristi Mahan, and Brent Mahan. Fred was predeceased by his wife, Martha.
what makes a cozy—and sustainable—wardrobe? sister katie founder, Katie Roach ’10, explains.
In late 2017, I started my company, sister katie, from my dining room table in San Francisco. I was coming off a handful of years in a career in advertising that left me less than inspired. With no background in fashion, except a keen and passionate interest in my own wardrobe, I was certainly taking a leap of faith. I was really flying by the seat of my proverbial high-waisted, wide-leg pants.

My company’s goals have always been to create comfortable clothes to live in—clothes you never want to take off. From a commercial perspective, I got lucky when my business took off after the COVID-19 pandemic struck, and lots of people were looking for comfy and cozy pieces to hunker down in at home. I do everything at sister katie with the idea that fads fade but comfort is eternal.

BUILDING OUR BRAND

In my personal life, I find myself investing in well-made pieces of clothing that I can wear mixed and matched, dressed up or down, and for many years to come. I refer to this way of getting dressed as “uniform dressing,” and it’s at the core of the sister katie brand. It just so happens that my preferred approach to wardrobe-building is also a more sustainable approach.

At Gettysburg, I was an art history major with a specific interest in art theory, and I learned a lot. I find myself often pulling from that knowledge base when considering colors and the overall aesthetic for my collections. At sister katie, we create simple and refined wardrobe essentials for women (and sometimes kids!) that make you feel as good as you look. We find inspiration all around us, from soft, neutral colors and textures found in nature to interiors and visual art. Our pieces are inspired by everyone, including characters in television and film, iconic real women we all know and love, and others we pass by on the street. We love to tell stories through our clothes and design pieces that will evoke a sense of nostalgia.

REALIZING OUR IMPACT

It was clear to me early on that my passion and interest revolved most around design and branding, but I was equally aware that how I chose to operate my business mattered. The expectations of small business owners were changing. Great designs and compelling brands were no longer enough. Articulating a purpose and upholding my values were going to be important. It is no secret that the fashion industry has a significant environmental impact, and I was committed to doing my part in how I established and operated my business thoughtfully.

The last three years have been an education, and I’m still very much on that journey. There is a lot to learn, and I’m grateful to brands like Paravel, a New York-based travel brand, and Christy Dawn, a Los Angeles-based womenswear brand, for leading the way on this critical topic of sustainability in fashion. How do we as humans and businesses impact the environment? While not perfect, I’ve done my best to be thoughtful about my partners, my products, and my process.

PLAYING OUR PART

When asked about sustainability relative to my business, I acknowledge immediately that the fashion industry—sister katie included—is inherently unsustainable. We produce new items, and that production has an impact on the environment. The most sustainable approach to personal fashion would be buying pre-owned and sustainably made clothing.

In the last year, we launched a resale market where customers can sell and buy pre-loved sister katie pieces right on our website. By participating in the marketplace, our customers keep timeless sister katie pieces in circulation and out of the landfill—and they earn a little extra spending money too.

From the beginning, and season after season, we have chosen to keep our collections small. We aspire to avoid producing excess inventory and to have the right amount of product for those who really want it. To help get the supply-and-demand equation right, we have introduced a pre-order structure for certain pieces. Made-to-order products cut down on waste since we are only manufacturing items that have been claimed by a customer. We recognize that customers can receive next-day items from bigger brands, but we believe that the pre-order model is the future of sustainable fashion.

Sustainability in fashion goes much deeper than organic materials and compostable packaging—both of which we use. It requires an industry-wide, end-to-end review of systems and processes. I’ve shared a few small ways that we’ve evolved our operation, like our pre-order structure, but we remain curious about the ways we can continue to improve at sister katie. I trust—and I hope—this remains a very active discussion in the industry and that we can continue to play our small part.
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INSEPARABLE LIKE THEIR LATE FATHERS AT GETTYSBURG COLLEGE, COUSINS KEN BARNES ’20 AND JIMMY BARNES ’20 REFLECT ON THE LOVE THEY HAVE FOR THEIR FAMILY—AT HOME AND ON CAMPUS

My dad, Peter Barnes ’78, P’20, maintained a healthy obsession with Gettysburg College throughout life. This love sparked in 1974, his first year. He was drawn immediately to the opportunities before him and pursued them vigorously: political science, philosophy, theater, track and field, Sigma Chi, and Student Council. He was a true Renaissance man.

My dad regarded this approach as his best mechanism for meeting people, a skill he mastered early on. In his first year, his claim to fame was knowing everyone by name by Thanksgiving. This unique geniality enabled him to secure like-minded friends, including Jimmy Martino ’78, a member of the “Track Legends of ’78,” who chatted with everyone he knew while they walked from class to lunch. Before they knew it, an hour would go by. “We had to blindfold him so that we could get to where we needed to go,” my dad would joke.

Nevertheless, my dad’s companions remained engaged in his life as he was in theirs.

As his son, I was drawn to Gettysburg through his passion for the College. I stoked the fire by entertaining the idea of attending Gettysburg alongside my cousin Jimmy. We would be there together, just as he and Uncle Pat were four decades prior—a dream he never dreamt, but thereafter indulged in.

At Gettysburg, Jimmy and I were inseparable. We ran track together. We joined Lambda Chi Alpha together. We made lasting memories together. I imagine our fathers smiled down when we walked across the graduation stage. Together.

by Ken Barnes ’20

My dad’s obsession with Gettysburg was in lockstep with Pete’s. A Homecoming mainstay, Patrick Barnes ’79, P’20 was all too willing to serve as a poster child for the Alumni Board and no surprise, Pete was involved too. He’d walk the quad with no fewer than 15 Gettysburg Gs embroidered on his clothes, and later became known for his motto of “Family, Work, and Gettysburg College.”

Walking across campus as father and son, there was always a story. There was the infamous phone in Apple, where he and George White ’79 called in breakfast orders to the Lambda Chi house cook, Mary K. Wasko, because they didn’t want to rush over at 8 a.m. for last call. When our track teams competed in Musselman Stadium, there was Pat cheering. When the taller Barnes cousin (any guesses?) hit the long jump board just the right way to move into first, Pat’s voice was both the first and loudest. Much like Pete, Pat spoke royally of his teammates from 1975-1979. In meeting most of them, I can’t thank them enough for the wonderful impact they had on all of us.

Gettysburg brought out the best in Pete and Pat. Pat worked tirelessly toward the pursuit of justice for domestic violence victims as a prosecutor, and Pete devoted a career toward the betterment of his district as a Superior Court judge.

Yet each was best defined by his devotion to fatherhood. Ken and I are so close because we were raised in their images. The love Pete and Pat had for their families, consequently, became a love Ken and I share for one another. The photo of us from Commencement on Sept. 26, 2021, is a reminder of the wonderful journey we’ve shared together—and we have Gettysburg to thank for making it a reality.

by James “Jimmy” Barnes ’20
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