A NEW GENERATION OF TOURISTS

A Steadfast Spirit: Turning advocacy into action
IN OCTOBER 2020, GETTYSBURG COLLEGE BEGAN A COMPREHENSIVE STRATEGIC PLANNING PROCESS THAT BROUGHT TOGETHER THE VOICES OF STUDENTS, FACULTY, STAFF, AND ALUMNI ALIKE. THE GOAL WAS TO DEVELOP A COMPELLING VISION FOR THE FUTURE OF OUR STORIED INSTITUTION.

Endorsed by the Board of Trustees this past winter, the vision—Living Our Promise: The Strategic Direction for Gettysburg College—builds upon our greatest strengths as a community and it equips today’s students with an education in the liberal arts and sciences that is relevant, meaningful, and amplifies the most transformational aspects of our hallmark Gettysburg experience.

In other words, it makes certain that we will continue to deliver on our promise of A Consequential Education for a new generation of Gettysburgians and for a society that needs them.

A key component of the new Strategic Direction is what we call The Gettysburg Approach: It’s our Consequential Education in practice. Designed to benefit the whole student, throughout the entirety of their lives and careers, the Gettysburg Approach will develop within every student a breadth and depth of knowledge and set of enduring skills—cultivated both inside and outside of the classroom—to prepare them to thrive in a world marked by change and adaptation.

Gettysburg College has identified Four Areas of Focus to bring the Gettysburg Approach to life and guide our community’s decision-making and priorities in the years to come: Academic Excellence, A Transformational and Integrated Student Experience, A Culture of Belonging and Wellness, and Institutional Effectiveness.

**INSTITUTIONAL EFFECTIVENESS**

To respond responsibly and effectively to several challenges, including demographic changes resulting in increased competition for talented students and price sensitivity, we must take steps to balance innovation with careful stewardship of our resources to ensure continued institutional effectiveness.

We remain committed to:

- **A CULTURE OF EXCELLENCE:** At a time when society is experiencing a significant decline in the population of college-attending students, we will remain committed to educational excellence and continue to prioritize admitting a more selective student body.

- **ENHANCING OUR MARKET POSITION:** To thrive in a moment marked by increased competition for a smaller student population, we will enhance our outreach to help ensure that the compelling work we are doing at Gettysburg is broadly known.

- **INCREASING AND DIVERSIFYING OUR REVENUE STREAMS:** To help fund our deeply personal education and ensure the College is financially accessible, we will explore new potential sources of revenue that will expand our reach. Additionally, we will increase the College’s philanthropic support and find more ways to engage our alumni through a comprehensive campaign.

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3. A CULTURE OF BELONGING AND WELLNESS

Our future success rests heavily on our ability to create a culture where every Gettysburgian—students and employees alike—can be full members of our community and be empowered to contribute in ways that strengthen our collective perspective and understanding. We are committed to:

• RECRUITING AND RETAINING A TALENTED AND DIVERSE STUDENT BODY: We will continue to make a Gettysburg education affordable through a renewed commitment to financial aid endowment, expanding enrollment markets, making investments that support student progress, and strengthening programs that help our students better understand the world.

• RECRUITING AND RETAINING A TALENTED AND DIVERSE WORKFORCE: As our student body becomes more diverse, we will continue to build a faculty and staff reflective of that diversity, pursue additional means to support employee development, and expand access to programs and resources that cultivate a community of belonging and understanding.

• PROVIDING A HOLISTIC APPROACH TO STUDENT WELLNESS: We will broaden our definition of wellness, creating educational programs that encourage a holistic approach and help students develop the habits and skills to manage their health and wellness on campus and throughout their lifetimes.
1. ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE

The bedrock of our experience lies in our commitment to academic excellence through a rigorous and contemporary education in the liberal arts and sciences. Our education exposes students to the world, provides critical thinking and communication skills, ensures a broad understanding of the human experience, creates disciplinary depth and expertise, expands intercultural understanding, and enhances capacities for empathy and action. Through exposure to the arts, humanities, social sciences, and natural sciences, our education equips students with the capacity to make sense of and respond effectively to a world that has become ever more complex and interrelated. We are committed to providing:

- A CONTEMPORARY, INTEGRATED, AND RIGOROUS CURRICULUM: Our general education curriculum was adopted in 2023. We will continue to evaluate our curriculum and academic majors to ensure they are responding to the needs of a changing world and working in tandem with students’ co-curricular experiences.

- A WORLD-CLASS FACULTY: We will continue our commitment to attracting and retaining an excellent and diverse faculty, and to supporting faculty in their development and success as teachers, scholars, and advisors in an environment that helps every student reach their fullest potential.

- A RENEWED FOCUS ON STUDENT ADVISING: The College will engage the faculty in a comprehensive effort to strengthen the academic advising experience for students and enhance the distribution, recognition, and value of academic advising for faculty.

2. A TRANSFORMATIONAL AND INTEGRATED STUDENT EXPERIENCE

A key component of our education is to help students apply what they learn inside and outside of the classroom. This work is essential to ensure that our students are prepared to graduate into careers and communities in which they will be required to lead, adapt, and make sense of a rapidly changing world. We will do this by ensuring that a student’s co-curricular activities serve as impactful opportunities to practice and deepen essential and enduring skills. We will achieve this by:

- PROVIDING MEANINGFUL AND COORDINATED EXPERIENTIAL AND HIGH-ImpACT OPPORTUNITIES: We developed the Guided Pathways to allow students to organize their on-campus experiences based on their interests and desired skills with guidance from their own Personal Advising Teams.

- IMPROVING STUDENT RETENTION: Through our new Center for Student Success, we will provide exemplary advising, employ sophisticated tools and programs to encourage and track progress, and engage students through the Personal Advising Teams and Guided Pathways.

- STRENGTHEN THE VALUE OF THE GETTYSBURG EXPERIENCE: We will invest in the Center for Career Engagement to expand offerings, advising, and career opportunities and connections to the Gettysburg Network for our students during their time here and throughout their lifetime. Additionally, every student will have a dedicated Career Advisor.

- STRENGTHEN CIVIC MINDEDNESS, INTERCULTURAL FLUENCY, AND PLACE-BASED LEARNING: Our Gettysburg Approach allows students to choose one of our Guided Pathways to broaden how they interact with and learn from their community. We will also seek opportunities to maximize our proximity to major cities of influence.

WE LEARN BY DOING

75% of alumni over the past seven years completed at least one internship during their time at Gettysburg.

Nearly 65% of the Class of 2023 served in at least one leadership role.

More than 60% of the Class of 2023 collaborated on research projects with faculty.

Nearly 60% of students study globally for at least one semester.

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— Timothy J. Shannon
Professor of History

PERSONAL ADVISING TEAMS

FACULTY ADVISOR
CD CURRICULUM ADVISOR
ALUMNI ADVISOR
CAREER ADVISOR

*Sophomore year
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On April 5-6, the Gettysburg Gives Challenge raised more than $1 million from 2,729 donors over 36 hours. The Challenge saw 258 gifts by BOLD alumni (Burgians of the Last Decade), including $36,319 pledged by Barbara (Wenger) ’65 and Barry Shaw ’65; the Class of 1973 topping all classes; and women’s lacrosse, Alpha Delta Pi, Lambda Chi Alpha, and mathematics leading their respective categories. Plus, for the first time, the Gettysburg College community celebrated the event during a festival on Stine Lake, featuring food trucks, lawn games, and more. Students wrote thank-you notes to donors in various languages, including English, Spanish, and Vietnamese.

“As the College marks 191 years since its founding in 1832, we offer a huge thank you to the thousands of Gettysburgians whose generosity sustains this very special place and helps to make a distinctive Gettysburg education possible for our students,” said Tres Mullis, vice president for College Advancement.

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As Gettysburgians, we have a responsibility to show up for Education for generations of Gettysburg students. Indeed, it’s what drives us to show up for one another, now and always.

The collective energy and enthusiasm shown throughout the weekend was inspiring. It serves as a testament to our shared will position us to deliver on our promise of A Consequential rapid emergence of artificial intelligence, and social, political, and economic forces that are increasing in intensity and complexity, our students will need an education that equips them with the knowledge and skills to rise to the challenges and opportunities of their time.

Through Living Our Promise: The Strategic Direction for Gettysburg College has identified Four Areas of Focus to guide the institution’s initiatives would shape our institution in profound ways. Importantly, when brought together, they will enhance one another, work in unison, and fortify the whole. I encourage you to review our Four Areas of Focus (pages 1-5) and consider how you can get involved. By showing up for one another and supporting our students, we will propel Gettysburg College into what is sure to be a remarkable third century.

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O n July 15, Gettysburg College celebrated its Inaugural Master’s Commencement at the Majestic Theater, recognizing its first graduate class of students from the winter and spring cohorts for the Master of Arts in American History. This online master’s program, offered through a partnership between Gettysburg College and The Gilder Lehrman Institute of American History, has provided K-12 teachers a deeper understanding of American history and inspires a generation of scholars to advance Lincoln’s “unfinished work.”

Given that the class represents 26 states, students in classrooms across the country will be positively impacted by these Gettysburg graduates.

“What you do as an educator matters—and how you do it matters even more,” said Gettysburg College President Bob Iuliano. “The wisdom and lessons you impart on your students hold with them the promise to change our nation and our world in immeasurable ways. Each of you made a conscious decision to pursue an advanced degree, moved by the desire to build a brighter tomorrow for your families and your students.”

Welcoming all of our newest alumni into the Gettysburg College community, Iuliano invited the Master’s Class of 2023 to partake in a special Gettysburg tradition, handing each graduate a Stole of Gratitude. He encouraged the graduates to present their stoles to an individual who was instrumental in part without written permission is prohibited.

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**SOCIAL MEDIA**

**OUR COMMUNITY CAME ALIVE ON SOCIAL MEDIA WHEN GETTYSBURG COLLEGE WAS FEATURED ON “JEOPARDY!” AND WHEN WE CELEBRATED THE PEOPLE WHO MAKE THIS PLACE SPECIAL.**

**TRIVIA TIME**

I n March, Gettysburg College was featured on “Jeopardy!” in the U.S. Colleges category: “Nine score and 11 years ago, our fathers brought forth in Pennsylvania this school.”

“That was a clever clue!”

**IMPACTFUL INDIVIDUALS**

A s the College launched its latest all-alumni survey, our followers shared the names of individuals who made an impact on them:

“I truly appreciate the uniqueness the College provides students to interact directly and easily with faculty. Friends who attended other colleges are often surprised at how much interaction I had with my own professors. The most impactful for me was Prof. Emeritus Gabor Boritt, my faculty advisor, and advisor to the Civil War

**CONVERSATIONS**

**THE ‘REAL DEAL’**

C ettysburg College Director of International Student Services Brad Lancaster, who is widely known as a “Gettysburg Dad” to the student community, always seeks to create a welcoming environment for international students on campus, from watching the World Cup with them to witnessing Burghburst, an annual student-led cultural event, come to life. When he traveled to Taiwan after graduating college to teach English, Lancaster, who was featured in the “Humans of Gettysburg” series on Instagram, had gained a newfound intercultural fluency that built his desire to serve as a bridge to fellow citizens of the world.

“Such important work! Thank you!”

Karen Singley Kiebpagh ’80

“Are we love Brad?”

“Brad makes the College feel welcoming. When I studied at Gettysburg College seven years ago, Brad was the first staff I met and he was incredible during my four years of college. My first SIM card, first Walmart trip in the U.S., first D.C. trips were all organized by Brad and the international student office. Thank you, Brad!”

Orange Li ’18

**CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR MOST RECENT ALUMNI DIGITAL ENGAGEMENT WINNERS!**

Over the past six months, these alumni have demonstrated a deep connection to Gettysburg College through their engagement with College communications on social media.

Please join us in shining a light on them for their support and advocacy.

**IN THE MEDIA**

A PHILADELPHIA INQUIRER OP-ED DEBATED THE PRACTICE OF REQUIRING A COLLEGE DIPLOMA FOR A CAREER AND THE RESPONSE HIGHER EDUCATION HAS GIVEN TO DROPPING ENROLLMENT. PRESIDENT BOB IULIANO COMMENTED THAT COLLEGES NEED TO BETTER EXPLAIN THE VALUE THEY PROVIDE IN PREPARING STUDENTS FOR THEIR PROFESSIONAL LIVES. WHILE EMPHASIZING THE ECONOMIC ADVANTAGES, THEY ALSO NEED TO INSTALL A “SENSE OF COMMITMENT TO THE COMMON GOOD.”

“I was yelling at the screen: Gettysburg! GETTYSBURG!!!!”

**Philosophy Prof. Steve Gimbel and Gaydion Sullivan, a playwright and cultural critic, discussed the late Richard Belzer, a performer and author of conspiracy theory books who died recently at 78. The two explored Belzer’s life and beliefs—that the world could be better if people acknowledged and rebelled against corrupt authority.**

**IN THE QUALITATIVE SOCIOLOGY REVIEW, SOCIOLOGY PROF. ALECEA STANDLEE DEMONSTRATED THROUGH HER RESEARCH THE EXTENT TO WHICH NEW COMMUNICATION TECHNOLOGIES HAVE CONTRIBUTED TO A BREATH OF NEW SEXUAL AND ROMANTIC RELATIONSHIPS AMONG YOUNG ADULTS IN THE UNITED STATES, PAYING PARTICULAR ATTENTION TO THE CONSEQUENCES OF THE COVID-19 LOCKDOWNS AND INTERVIEWS WITH COLLEGE STUDENTS.**

This spring, the new Gettysburg Beyond the Battle Museum opened its doors to visitors, and Executive Director of the Adams County Historical Society Andrew Dillow ’19 shared its new learning experiences with The Washington Post and HistoryNet.

“Beyond the Battle will push the boundaries of a traditional museum experience to deliver a new perspective of the fight,” Dillow told HistoryNet. “What was it like to live through the battle? To hear Abraham Lincoln’s immortal words? These questions and more will be answered and help visitors expand their knowledge of this remarkable town and its people.”

**CONVERSATIONS**

**Philosophy Prof. Michael Birkner ’73, P’10 commented on an article detailing the implications of Donald Trump and Joe Biden’s investigations for illegally possessing classified documents within the presidency. He explained that, to everyone’s knowledge, previous presidents never kept classified documents illegally, and Dwight D. Eisenhower was particularly meticulous about his records.**

Research shows a significant perception gap between how parents and teachers measure a student’s academic achievement. Executive Director of the Eisenhower Institute Tracie Potts, who serves on the National PTA Board of Directors, is helping bridge that divide through her work with Learning Heroes. In interviews with Boston 25 News and Victoria Advocate, Potts explained grades alone don’t always tell the whole story, and parents need to work with teachers to support their children.
**ALUMNI AWARDS**

During Commencement and Reunion Weekend, several alumni were recognized for their great work for their communities and the College.

**SPORTS ROUNDUP**

The winter and spring seasons saw success, including postseason runs and individual honors.

**SURVEY HIGHLIGHTS**

Read highlights from our recent alumni survey, including a list of mentors who made a meaningful impact on alumni when they were students.

**NEWLY ELECTED OFFICERS OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

Lauren W. Bright ‘90, **CHAIR**

Bright is Chief Legal Officer of the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation. She was a member of the College’s Alumni Board of Directors from 2013 until 2020, when she became a member of the Board of Trustees. Bright is the first woman and first person of color to serve as Chair of the Board in Gettysburg College’s history.

At the Foundation, Bright leads its legal team, advising senior leadership and staff on all legal issues. Prior to this role, she served as the Foundation’s co-general counsel and director of its Washington, D.C. office, overseen a broad range of domestic and international legal, regulatory, and policy matters.

Jeffrey C. Oak ’81, **EXECUTIVE VICE CHAIR**

Oak is Vintage Chair in Long Island, New York, where he leads peer advisory groups and provides executive coaching for CEOs and business owners. He also serves as Senior Advisor for the Ethics and Compliance Initiative, and Adjunct Professor at Fordham University School of Law. He previously served as Chief Enterprise Risk Officer for Bon Secours Mercy Health.

Flora D. Darpino ’83, **VICE CHAIR**

Darpino is a retired Lieutenant General and the 39th Judge Advocate General of the U.S. Army—the first woman to hold the position. Along with numerous leadership positions in her 30-plus years in the Army, Darpino deployed for two combat tours, including serving as the Senior Military Legal Advisor in Iraq. She served in command at the United States Army Legal Services Agency and The Judge Advocate General’s Legal Center and School. She also served as the Chief Judge on the Army Court of Criminal Appeals.

Lindsay Musser Hough ’98, **VICE CHAIR**

Hough is Principal at Deloitte Consulting LLP. She serves as Vice Chair of its state, local, and higher education sector and has served as a trusted strategic advisor to many public sector clients for more than 20 years. With a passion for client service that supports publicly-funded health care and services for adults with disabilities, Hough also chairs the board of a human services agency.

Terence Troy Datcher ’90, **SECRETARY**

Datcher is Chairman of The Gold Flora Corporation. He previously served as The Clorox Company’s Senior Vice President and Chief Customer Officer, leading global sales that resulted in more than $6.7 billion in annual revenue. Datcher is a two-time Ebony Magazine Power 100 honoree and one of Savoy Magazine’s top 100 Black executives.
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GOLD STAR

From substantially reducing the amount of waste produced at dining facilities to collecting rainwater for irrigation on campus, Gettysburg College continues to make strides toward reducing its carbon footprint and was recently awarded a Gold rating as part of the Sustainability Tracking, Assessment, & Rating System (STARS) reporting process conducted by the Association for the Advancement of Sustainability in Higher Education (AASHE). With more than 900 (STARS) reporting process conducted in 2002, was also presented with a 2020 Distinguished Alumni Award. A number of Gettysburgians were honored for their contributions to their communities and the College as part of Commencement and Reunion Weekend. This year’s Distinguished Alumni Award winners included Lancaster County Common Plea President Judge and Drug Court founder David L. Ashworth ’77, ’P96, President of U.S. Networks Distribution at Paramount Global (formerly Viacom/CBS) Ray M. Hopkins ’87, and Achieva Senior Vice President Nancy Jess Murray ’75, who is also president of The Arc of Greater Pittsburgh. Calum B. Anderson ’73 and Francis J. Cannoo ’78 were given Meritorious Service Awards to recognize their volunteer contributions to the College, while Nicole Holuba LaMarca ’08, David C. Moore ’08, Sarah E. Cardwell ’75, and James P. Russell ’91 received Young Alumni Achievement Awards. Helen-Ann (Souder) Consnok ’74, who founded the Association for Frontotemporal Dementias (AFTD) in 2002, was also presented with a 2020 Distinguished Alumni Award.

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ALUMNI SURVEY HIGHLIGHTS

In January, more than 2,500 alumni completed a survey sharing their feedback about the people and experiences that made an impact on them during their time here.

AGE OF RESPONDENTS

- 32% 65 AND OLDER
- 24% 45-64
- 27% 31-44
- 17% 18-30
- 12% 21-30
- 10% 19-20
- 25% 30-44
- 24% 21-30
- 17% 18-20

HOW YOU DESCRIBE GETTYSBURG ALUMNI

- 37% Hard-working
- 29% Responsible
- 25% Self-motivated
- 24% Smart
- 22% Open-minded

IMPACTFUL PEOPLE MOST FREQUENTLY MENTIONED

- Biology Prof. Emeritus Ralph Cavaliere
- History Prof. Emeritus Charles Glattfelder
- History Prof. Michael Birkner ’72, ’P10
- Chemistry Prof. Emeritus Alex Rowland
- Former Director of Enrollment and Educational Services (EES) Student Success and Well-being Cindy Wright

WHAT IS IMPORTANT TO YOU AS ALUMNI?

- Staying Connected
- Reputation
- Pride
- Reunions
- Friendships
- Networking
- Giving Back
- Memories

WHAT IS IMPACTED THE MOST BY GIVING?

- Financial support for students (financial aid, scholarships) 71%
- Financial support for student programs and faculty resources 70%

ATHLETICS

Tbilisi Trip

In June, Economics Prof. Rimvydas Baltaduonis presented at the University of Georgia in Tbilisi, Georgia, as part of the UGSP Conference: “After the War in Ukraine: Prospects and Implications for Europe and South Caucasus.” This visit was funded by Gettysburg College’s Public Policy Program as part of an effort to build a stronger connection to the university in Tbilisi. Baltaduonis was a part of a working group discussing post-war security architecture in Europe, security guarantees for Ukraine and other post-Soviet states, energy security of the region, and other topics related to European security.
ON THE TOPIC OF BELIEF

HOW DOES THE POWER OF BELIEF TAKE HOLD IN OUR LIVES?

Rebecca Barth ’16
Center for Career Engagement assistant director

Students are the core of everything we do at Gettysburg College. Whether they are on the cutting edge of research and technology with our faculty experts or at the forefront of our Buller Hall dining staff helping to serve our community, they are essential members of every team. Merging what a student learns inside and outside the classroom, Student Employment Services strives every day to incorporate student employment into the College’s integrated student experience. Our philosophy is that student employment is not just a job—it is an experiential learning opportunity where students can build upon the technology with our faculty experts or at the forefront of our Buller Hall dining staff helping to serve our community, they are essential members of every team. Merging what a student learns inside and outside the classroom, Student Employment Services strives every day to incorporate student employment into the College’s integrated student experience. Our philosophy is that student employment is not just a job—it is an experiential learning opportunity where students can build upon the core of everything we do at Gettysburg College. Whether they are

Beliefs can be powerful, uplifting, inspirational, and dangerous. As a scientist, my default setting is to base many of my beliefs on tangible evidence when possible and to be skeptical when it is lacking. Part of doing science is being comfortable having your beliefs or theories proven wrong, and our world would be a better place if everyone was open to having their beliefs challenged. We can also improve our communities by believing in the potential of ourselves and the people we meet. At Gettysburg College, our students come from many different cultures and backgrounds, but they all share a desire to learn and become more engaged citizens. I have been fortunate to work with many students in my classes and my research lab over the last 16 years. They are the most successful when they believe in themselves and have a group of friends, family, faculty, and administrators who affirm their potential and self-worth. My experiences with our students have given me great faith in their ability to tackle the important problems facing our world. I believe in our future because I believe in them.

The 19th-century English mathematician William Kingdon Clifford called belief a “sacred faculty.” There are at least three meanings of belief: To what am I willing to commit myself, to desire, to love? (the “existential” meaning). What do the facts suggest, and what is supported with sufficient evidence? (the “empirical” meaning). What am I not sure about? What do I think might happen or not? (the “hypothetical” meaning). The frustrating and beautiful thing about the English language is that all three meanings are contained in this one deceptively simple word. With this one word, we can plumb the depths of the human experience to determine what we value, what we love, what we hope, what we can support, what we can prove, what we can guess, and what we just don’t know. So much of what it means to be a human being is contained in this simple word: “belief.”

The Latin word for “believe” is credere, which means “to give one’s heart.” To what are we willing to give our hearts? Our beliefs orient, guide, and shape who we are and our world, so to believe in something is a sacred invitation and responsibility we should not take lightly.

From age 5 through college, I was a competitive swimmer and later became a runner. While training for my fifth half marathon in 2015, I injured my foot, which required surgical reconstruction. After extensive rehab, I believed I would return to the active lifestyle I once enjoyed. Yet, fast forward more than seven years, and I am learning how to walk on bilateral prostheses. My medical journey has been incomprehensible. With an undiagnosed medical condition never seen before, I traveled to the best medical facilities across the country. I had numerous surgeries, two of which claimed both of my lower extremities above the knee.

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Belief has been an essential part of my time at Gettysburg College. It is something that has helped me not only find my way through life, but it has also helped me to advocate for others. My role as Student Senate president has taught me to believe in others and the work that they can do. It has motivated me to act for others, as I know that others have come to believe in me to make changes.

The belief that others have had in me has given me incredible opportunities, such as becoming a Fielding Fellow through the Eisenhower Institute, working in various legal internships, and even representing Gettysburg College at a White House conference with U.S. Vice President Kamala Harris. But most importantly, belief allows one to have faith in oneself. No matter what life throws in one’s way, whether it be a rejection email from a graduate school or a job interview gone wrong, belief pushes us to get up off the ground and try again.

Timothy Funk ‘00
Chemistry chair and professor

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Susan Fumagalli Mahoney
Senior associate director of athletics and compliance officer

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Brent Hope ’98
Senior lecturer in religion and Center for Faith and Vocation scholar-in-residence, Buller Union

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Miranda Zamora ’23
Former Student Senate president, political science major, Spanish minor

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PERSPECTIVES
REX YIN ’14 HELPS PHILADELPHIA’S YOUNGEST LEARNERS THRIVE

by Katelyn Silva

For Rakseymeyong (Rex) Yin ’14, born in a refugee camp in Thailand after his parents fled the Cambodian genocide, life is about legacy—and impact.

After immigrating to and settling in Philadelphia with his family in 1995, Yin learned to appreciate every opportunity available. When his parents reminded him of the promise of education, Yin was determined to take full advantage of all four years at Gettysburg College. He designed his major focused on intercultural studies through education, for which he conducted education research and later studied abroad in Denmark. Yin was also heavily involved in local education programs, served as one of the first Inclusion and Belonging Peer Educators, and became an immersion trip leader—working to make a difference in the Gettysburg community.

“The initial thought for refugees in a new country is survival. But once we survive, how do we thrive?” said Yin. “Because of my opportunities, I’ve had the privilege to write my own history and pave my own path. I continually ask myself, ‘What mark am I leaving—not just for myself, but for my family and the Cambodian community?’ How am I helping others thrive?”

Today, Yin continues to do just that, helping Philadelphia’s youngest learners learn how to thrive.

As the deputy director of content development and learning strategy at the SPARK Quality Support Center, a Shine Early Learning project, he plays an active role in delivering positive results for children, families, and communities through early childhood programs across the city of Philadelphia. Specifically, he oversees the professional learning and development opportunities for Philadelphia’s city-funded pre-kindergarten program (PHLpreK), which has more than 180 early childhood education providers throughout the city.

“It’s important for me to help provide excellent early childhood education to the children of Philadelphia, particularly the children of immigrants and refugees, and of Black, Indigenous, and people of color who have experienced long histories of inequities and challenges,” said Yin.

Through his First-Year Seminar at Gettysburg, Yin learned about the types of education systems worldwide and quickly realized that his public schooling in Philadelphia was under-resourced, underdeveloped, and inequitable.

Since then, he has remained driven to help deliver high-quality support services directly to early childhood education providers in Philadelphia, such as content-specific professional development and resources.

“Gettysburg College provided me with the opportunity to delve deeper into my educational experiences while gaining more of the academic framework to understand my lived experience, but just as importantly, the lived experiences of others who’ve also had an inequitable education,” explained Yin. “Now, I have the opportunity to think about high-quality learning experiences and how to best provide them as equally as possible. This matters because research shows that high-quality preschool education has incredible longitudinal effects on young learners for decades. That’s an impact that will last for generations to come.”

To best serve communities, Yin is also heavily involved in local education programs, such as content-specific professional development and resources. He also aims to continue developing the responsibilities of his current role by being an active volunteer in Philadelphia communities through philanthropy and inclusion work. He leads a social organization for Asian American and LGBTQ+ community members, helps increase educational experiences for Southeast Asian American youth, advocates for culturally responsive care and public parks, and engages in community-led fundraising for equitable funding for Philadelphia’s Asian and Asian American nonprofit organizations.

“I credit my volunteering experiences with CPS for reinforcing the importance of being community-informed and community-driven,” said Yin. “It’s very easy to be in a position that serves others while being far removed from the people you’re meant to serve.”

In addition to growing and serving others through his full-time job and volunteer work, Yin remains a lifelong learner to continually engage with the world in a meaningful way. In 2021, he completed his master’s degree in early childhood education from Eastern University. Yin is also currently working toward a second master’s degree in public policy from Temple University, as well as a professional certificate through the University of Pennsylvania’s Executive Program in Social Impact Strategy. Through all this hard work, following in his parents’ footsteps, he still gets at least seven hours of deep nighttime, exercises daily, and listens to personal development podcasts.

“Balance, well-being, and mental health are important to me,” said Yin, who finds strength in remaining connected to the Gettysburg Network, recently serving as a guest speaker for the Office of Multicultural Engagement on the topic of “Asian American Stories of Resistance and Resilience.” Somehow, I’ve figured out the method to the madness.

While Yin enjoys his work with Philadelphia’s youngest learners, he aspires to one day contribute to the public and social policies that impact marginalized and vulnerable communities related to early childhood education or education more broadly. He also aims to continue developing acumen in design and strategy to create systems, processes, and practices that ensure long-term sustainability and capacity building.

“Gettysburg’s classrooms provided me with the academic foundation to understand that the world is intersectional and complex. Then, my public service experiences through Gettysburg showed me that you can be a part of this world, you can experience this world, and you can truly connect to it outside of books,” Yin said. “You can be driven to Do Great Work through lived experiences.”
CONNECTIONS

THE BENEFITS OF A GETTYSBURG EDUCATION GO BEYOND TECHNICAL SKILLS. The practice of law is about working with and serving others—your clients, your partners, and colleagues. The small, close-knit community of Gettysburg taught me how to work in small groups and in teams, and how to thrive in an environment where professors—like clients—expect hard work and excellence.

MY FOUR YEARS AS A MEMBER OF THE GETTYSBURG COLLEGE CHOIR were full of defining moments for my time at Gettysburg and my life in general. I had the honor of singing under Music Prof. Emeritus Kermit Finstad and with a fantastic group of singers. We traveled the country and the world, and we became very much a family. I also met many of my closest friends at Gettysburg, which provided an environment where you could really get to know people. A small residential liberal arts college is an ideal place not only to learn more about yourself, but also the kinds of people you want to associate with in life.

I WAS LUCKY TO SERVE ON THE ALUMNI BOARD OF DIRECTORS FOR EIGHT TERRIFIC YEARS. The best thing about that experience was that I was able to return to campus frequently and had ample opportunities to connect with current students, other alumni, and the current staff and faculty of the College. Having fond memories of the College is critical, but being a part of its continued evolution made me want to give back.

WITH EACH PASSING YEAR, THE QUALITY, BREADTH, AND DEPTH OF A GETTYSBURG EDUCATION continues to improve. Today’s students have more curricular options and exposure to a growing diversity of activities. There is a strong focus on scholarship, community involvement, and entrepreneurship that will bring both personal and professional success to the next generation of our alumni.

I HAVE A PROFOND SENSE OF LOYALTY TO, AND PRIDE IN, GETTYSBURG COLLEGE. I received an unparalleled education, participated in activities that I loved, and made some of the best friends of my life. In the 25 years since I graduated, I have watched a place that was already a top-notch institution get even better. I want other students to have the same opportunities that I had so they can continue Gettysburg’s long tradition of greatness.

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FEATURES

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Rachel Rutter ’11 dedicates self to service for the well-being of immigrant children.

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PHOTO COURTESY OF MELISSA CURTIN ’96
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by Katelyn Silva
"Team members do not surrender their independence, identity, or ability to think for themselves,” said Gimbel. “But, rather, figure out the best way to use their resources to serve the team’s goal.”

When Gettysburg Softball Coach Brooke Kalman ’14 first stepped on campus in 2010, she did so with trepidation. A self-proclaimed homebody, she wasn’t confident she could handle the demands of being a student-athlete. However, that fear was quickly silenced.

“Gettysburg doesn’t let you fade into the background or fall through the cracks. The environment—from our athletic teams to the classrooms—and the people—from the professors to our cafeteria workers—all work together within our very interwoven community to make sure everyone does well and that you build the skills to do well on your own after graduation. You don’t get that in many places,” said Kalman. “The Gettysburg community is one big team.”

Carrville Small, dining services coordinator, ensures the Bullet Hole Team runs smoothly. She stressed how a shared sense of purpose is a key ingredient for a successful team, especially at Gettysburg. Without this, she said, her staff could never succeed in serving meals to more than 2,000 people every day.

"Think of consciousness emerging from the simple cells of the brain,” said Philosophy Prof. Steve Gimbel, who wrote a paper on how teams form with Philip Steward and Interdisciplinary Studies Prof. Stephen Stern and former Gettysburg College basketball forward Will Rasmussen ’20. “The great business ethicist Peter French ’63, our most illustrious alum from philosophy, argues that a corporation is like a person because the decision-making structures they are built around function like a centralized brain. We argue that teams, on the other hand, are more like an octopus. The majority of an octopus’ neurons are in the arms literally think for themselves. The bulk of neurons are in the tentacles, which are like the arms. Hierarchies, organization structures, and other methods of increasing efficiency have been shown to reduce productivity and creativity. In contemporary philosophy, this notion lives within the concept of emergence, in which a new entity emerges when its parts coalesce. When teams’ neurons fire on all cylinders, their success culminates in growth for both the individual and the team. For members of the Gettysburg College community, teamwork means showing up—showing up in a consistent way for oneself and for another all, for something bigger than themselves.

"TEAMWORK IS SYNONYMOUS WITH COMMUNITY." Jayclyn Cross ’10

"Any musical ensemble is reliant on teamwork because we’re reliant on one another,” said McCutcheon. “If any one person is missing or not contributing to the best of their ability, the music and the class experience declines.”

"It makes the projects better and pushes the research further,” said Andresen. “The research-connected part is based on the idea that X-SIG is not just a research program but a community of researchers.”

"It speaks to the power of community and a collective effort toward a common goal,” said Cross. “To me, teamwork is something bigger than themselves. Computer scientists are collaborating with physicists, and physicists are consulting with biologists, said Andresen. New questions arise, and unique solutions emerge, thanks to the diverse perspectives of what once may have been viewed as an unlikely team.

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draw a sense of community. We are nothing but a physical manifestation of the support, knowledge, and experiences we learn and acquire in the various communities of life. Gettysburg College was—and is—an essential community in my life.”

"Teamwork starts with letting each staff member know we are all in this together,” said Small. “I task each staff member and student worker with jobs based on their strengths and help others learn what they don’t know yet. When we work together, things don’t get only done, but they also get done well.”

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From finding strengths working through challenges at Gettysburg to making scientific discoveries by merging expertise for Andreesen, teamwork makes the dream work.

"You don’t get myopic at Gettysburg, which is so important for the real world," said Fry. "The more fluent you can become in college practicing that skill set, the more you will be set up for success."

At Carestream Health, we focus on Health—recognize their potential as leaders and their responsibility to serve. Neil Bryant ’82, the vice president and "I am a big believer that as a leader and coach, you need to be authentic with your players and show them that you live by the values you teach, like hard work, respect, and clear communication," Kalman agreed.

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After their sophomore year, students have the option of adding an alumni mentor to their Personal Advising-Team, who will help define their career goals and build their professional network.
Together, the expertise of the Personal Advising Team will help students explore their interests and ambitions, while drawing connections between their campus experiences and plans after graduation.

"The growth that comes from being a part of a team can often be uncomfortable, but that’s not a bad thing,” said Thallner, a fellow GLC mentor. "It’s a good thing because you grow, the team grows, and the team gets results.

"Teams that fail," Thallner continued, "tend to be ones that find it difficult to embrace discomfort and the idea of change. The impossible, on the other hand, can become possible when a team prioritizes team performance over individual performance."

"One of the many things that I admire about the experience of being a student at Gettysburg College is the holistic approach the institution believes in," Beddick said. "The institution instills the need to get involved outside of the classroom to truly grow, learn, and develop those enduring skills that lead to a lifetime of personal and professional growth and successes.
Gettysburg College gives students the opportunity to learn to be a part of something bigger than themselves."

Beginning in Fall 2023, all incoming students will have the opportunity to experience Gettysburg College’s new Guided Pathways and Personal Advising Teams—-an innovative model for skill-building and self-reflection for a lifetime of career advancement and personal success.

"Students’ professional success is largely defined by the educational path they choose for themselves. At Gettysburg, they don’t have to make that choice alone,” said Vice President for College Life and Dean of Students Anne Ehrlich. "With the support of a Personal Advising Team, students will intentionally select the out-of-class experiences that will equip them with the enduring skills that align with their passions and the expectations of tomorrow’s employers—experiences that will transform their minds, build their confidence, and position them to have a consequential impact on the world around them."

The Guided Pathways focus on Creativity, Entrepreneurship, and Innovation; Global Citizenship and Intercultural Fluency; Justice and Community Change; and Leadership, Teamwork, and Collaboration. All students participating in the Guided Pathways will also supplement their chosen Pathways with a four-year Career Development Pathway.
A new generation of tourists

FOR TODAY’S TIKTOK-SAVVY TOURISTS, TRAVEL IS AN EXPERIENCE THAT GOES BEYOND SIMPLY SEEING—OPENING EYES AND SOULS TO EXPLORE AND DISCOVER.

Joel Cymerman ’16 REMEMBERS TRAVELING TO GETTYSBURG nearly every summer as a child and being hooked by its history. Ultimately, these fond and foundational memories led him to choose Gettysburg College for his studies and this town as the place where he now lives and works.

“You’re coming to Gettysburg most likely because you know something significant in history happened here,” said Cymerman, the content and trails manager at Destination Gettysburg. “When you leave Gettysburg, you leave with a transformative experience—hopefully one that sticks with you.”

In his role, Cymerman oversees the Adams County Pour Tour—a craft beer, wine, mead, cider, and spirits trail—and Adams County Crop Hop, a farm and market trail that launched in April 2023. As participants explore these uniquely crafted trails, they immerse themselves in the area’s rich agricultural landscape.

“In my role, I’m always thinking about how we can either make an experience more engaging for visitors or create something entirely new to highlight a less-traveled trail or new business—encouraging them to look at Gettysburg and its surrounding battlefield a little bit differently,” Cymerman said. “As we think about how we can best engage visitors, it goes beyond just passively seeing. Tourists nowadays are especially interested in having the battle come alive for them in a way that is meaningful to them. They want to go beyond the seeing—they want to engage and discover.”

This desire for travel to be a series of curated, memorable, and oftentimes even Instagrammable moments is a trend seen among tourists in more than just Gettysburg, but also across other well-traveled pinpoints. From Gettysburg to Charleston, Los Angeles, and countless other cities in the United States and abroad, Gettysburg College alumni like Cymerman are actively shaping the trajectory of tourism’s evolution.

“YEARS AGO, I WAS GETTING ALL MY INFORMATION from Rick Steves’ travel guidebooks because, believe it or not, the internet wasn’t a resource,” said Melissa Curtin ’96, a travel and food writer for Lonely Planet, Insider, Fodor’s Travel, and more. “When I was about 29, I was fortunate to earn a Fulbright scholarship. I taught in England and literally traveled all over Europe and England by reading those books. Now, it’s all online.”

Curtin first caught the travel bug during her junior year at Gettysburg College when she completed a Semester at Sea—studying among the open blue waters that sailed her to 14 different countries. After graduating from Gettysburg with a bachelor’s in psychology and art history, she earned her master’s in education and taught for many years, traveling leisurely during the summers off before navigating into her current freelance gig that pays her to travel most of the year.

Beyond writing and blogging about her travels and good eats, Curtin has recently become a certified travel advisor for Fora Travel, a modern travel agency that uses data-driven recommendations to provide clients with perks and upgrades at hotels—making their stay a little more special. Her first two clients were former Gamma Phi Beta sorority sisters from Gettysburg College.

“I feel like many hotels these days are designed to be destinations,” said Curtin. “Now, you have a cool cocktail bar, a fitness center, and a coffee shop where you’re staying. Many chic boutique hotels are now designed to look like a really cool person’s house. They’re an experience in itself.”

As the founder, chairman, and chief executive officer of Montage International, a luxury hospitality management company, Alan Fuerstman ’78 has made an exceptionally successful business out of catering to the higher end of travelers’ budgets. When guests step into one of Fuerstman’s 14 global hotels and resorts—
Whether it be in South Carolina, Utah, the Bahamas, or Mexico—they’re not only met with top-tier hospitality and a lavishly comfortable room in which they can rest their head, but they also encounter an authentic sense of place.

“Twenty-some years ago, traditional luxury was, in my opinion, too pretentious and formal, and I was of the belief that the next generation of luxury travelers was looking for a much more humble and gracious approach to luxury,” Fuerstman said. “Consumers today are looking for more than just pampering. They’re looking for an educational and discovery aspect of their experience. They want to feel that they went to a place, took something away, and were engaged in something new.”

With intentional attention to detail, the architecture and interior design of each stay pays homage to the locale, like Montage Laguna Beach, whose architecture and selected artworks nod to the arera’s arts and crafts colony roots. Then, when guests leave the property, they step into a grander scale of culture to see, taste, and experience.

Devin Garnick ’15, who manages donor travel programs at the San Francisco Museum of Modern Art, has also noticed this shift toward immersive experiences attracting tourist attention during her solo travels and personal research of the latest trends in the art world.

“Immersive experiential work is what people are finding interesting these days. For example, artist Yayoi Kusama’s Infinity Mirror Rooms are a unique intersection of visually compelling, immersive work that appeals to folks who have been interested in art for a long time and those just beginning to explore it,” she said. “I think we’ll see more and more of that kind of work taking over spaces that are historically more traditional.”

Part of the payoff of designing a destination or curiosity worth traveling to is that, if done right, visitors will want to extend the life of the moment: They’ll snap a picture with their smartphones, post about it on social media, and create a domino effect. Search Infinity Mirror Rooms on social media, and you’re no doubt finding this in a sea of pictures.

“Instagrammable moments are our reality,” Fuerstman said. “They show real-life highlights from people’s travels and stays, and in many instances, they carry a lot of influential power.”

The Impact of Influencer Culture

WHEN: David Zapata ’94 Founded Zapwater Communications
IN 2005—an integrated communications agency specializing in lifestyle brands, particularly travel and tourism—social media was in its infancy. As social media grew from Myspace to Facebook, Instagram, and TikTok over the years, Zapata leaned into their potential for influence in his field of work, and recently, Zapwater Communications was named a finalist for PRovoke Media’s Digital Agency of the Year.

“Especially in the states, we were one of the first agencies to have really embraced the concept of influencer marketing, and not just for pretty pictures and content, but for conversion,” he said.

Zapata has consistently observed through his clients’ conversion analytics that millennials and Gen Z make many of their decisions through the content they see. As a Charleston, South Carolina-based digital creator—with more than 1 million likes and 40,000 followers on TikTok—and the influencer behind her brand, “The Charleston Diaries,” Nicole Farina ’78 lives and breathes this modern change in tourism culture.

“I feel that TikTok is like the new Google,” Farina said. “I went to Vegas last month, and it was my first time traveling there, so I went to TikTok to look up all these cool places to go. You can find so many things you wouldn’t always find right away if you Googled the place. And, you see someone’s honest review of their experience in a video, instead of reading somebody’s article or review out of five stars on Google.”

Farina’s followers seek the same when they stumble upon her TikTok page—a peek into her recent favorites to find inspiration for their next adventure.

“One photo or one video can excite or delight the masses,” said Curtin, who jokingly refers to herself as an “old-school influencer,” since she has yet to plunge into TikTok from her preferred platform of Instagram. “In Malibu, there was a hike not many people knew about 10 years ago, and because some celebrity posted about it, it’s now packed on the weekend. You can’t find a place to park. This is how the newest tourist hot spots are being discovered every day.”

These “hot spots” are ever-changing with the evolution of what people are influenced by and how they influence others, in tandem with technological developments and digital media’s role in life and travel. However, what will naturally remain tried and true in the tourism industry among current and emerging generations is a contagious desire for a sense of discovery—a desire to reach beyond the realms of our own worlds.

“If people are passionate and excited about what they’re doing, what they’re offering, and what they’re experiencing, then the tourism industry will continue to thrive,” Cymerman said. “There’s always going to be these great things for people to see and do and travel to. It’s just a matter of finding it and sharing that excitement with others.”
A STEADFAST SPIRIT:

Turning advocacy into action

Rachel Rutter ’11 dedicates self to service for the well-being of immigrant children

by Michael Vyskocil

“hola” and “bienvenidos” resonate through drawings crafted with crayons and colored pencils—small acts of kindness to welcome immigrant youth to the United States. While studying each hand-illustrated card made by Pennsylvania elementary school students, Rachel Rutter ’11 is inspired, as making a difference in the lives of immigrant children is at the heart of her work.

Every day, she ensures they not only feel welcome in their new home but also have access to the youth-led, youth-centered legal and social services they deserve.

Established in 2015, Rutter’s self-designed nonprofit Project Libertad has helped approximately 3,000 individuals during the last three years alone.

What began as an organization serving immigrant youth across Pennsylvania, primarily Bucks, Chester, and Montgomery counties, has since gained a global footprint. In 2022, Project Libertad supported youth from Angola, Bangladesh, Colombia, the Democratic Republic of Congo, El Salvador, Ukraine, and Vietnam.

The seeds for Rutter’s mission to advocate for the needs of youth were planted at Gettysburg College, where she discovered El Centro through the Center for Public Service (CPS). Administered by Gettysburg College’s Spanish Department and Spanish Prof. Lola (Maria) Fernandez Perez, El Centro provides academic and mentoring support for at-risk children in Adams County. There, Rutter, an English, Spanish, and Africana studies triple major, tutored immigrant children and served as a program coordinator for its summer camp. Then during her junior year, studying abroad in Spain allowed her to delve into a culture distinct from her own as she increased her Spanish oral and written skills.

After graduating from Gettysburg, Rutter joined the Peace Corps in Costa Rica from 2012 to 2013, where she built upon her intercultural fluency and communication skills. She then received her J.D. from Drexel University’s Thomas R. Kline School of Law in 2016 before becoming an attorney at HIAS Pennsylvania, a nonprofit providing legal services to low-income immigrants and refugees. At HIAS, Rutter learned immigrant children do not have a right to receive a court-appointed lawyer in immigration court. Without receiving proper resources, they often face representing themselves in immigration court while also struggling with other basic needs.

“There were kids who were homeless, didn’t have food, had problems with their families, or needed therapy,” said Rutter, reflecting on her HIAS role, which served as the catalyst to leave her full-time job and launch Project Libertad. “We’re holistic in meeting social services needs. That’s what makes us unique.”

Serving Selflessly

The stories she hears, the children she encounters, and the situations that arise in her day-to-day work continually motivate Rutter to advocate tirelessly for her clients.

As part of Project Libertad’s outreach efforts, Rutter focuses on confronting and dispelling myths and misconceptions about immigrant children through trainings, especially for elementary through high school educators. She also makes a conscious effort to develop connections with the youth whose lives are touched by Project Libertad.

While building a network of support for these children, Rutter traces her unfailing
The paradox about Rachel is that she’s ‘tenacious’ and ‘resilient’ with Emeritus Spanish Prof. Kerr at Gettysburg College, where she draws connections between the knowledge she gained in the classroom, the experiences she acquired through her co-curricular activities, and her aspirations for her career. Studying with Emeritus Spanish Prof. Kerr at the Gettysburg College, she realized they had “a deep affinity” for the Spanish language. While they first met in 2007 at a Send-Off for their class, they didn’t cross paths until senior year. It was then that they “felt like I need to do something.”

Rachel beautifully embodies what it means to be a L’Oréal Paris Women of Worth honoree,” said Crystal Thompson, L’Oréal Paris associate vice president of brand engagement. “She champions our youngest and most vulnerable with generosity and tenacity, reminding each and every one of them that they are worth it.”

Fulfilling A Need
As she looks toward the future, Rutter continually appreciates the power of the Gettysburg Network—it reunited her with Olivia Knight ’11, an environmental studies major and fellow Gettysburg classmate who was driven to help amplify Project Libertad’s work. While they first met in 2007 at a Send-Off for their class, they didn’t cross paths until senior year. It was then that they realized they had “a deep affinity” for the children they helped through volunteering at El Centro, Knight said. Growing up in Lancaster County, Pennsylvania, they also studied abroad and had a passion for the Spanish language.

With Knight’s dedication, Project Libertad has gained national and international recognition. In 2021, Rutter was named a 2021 #AerieREAL Changemaker. Aerie, a women’s clothing and intimates retailer, offered her a $20,000 grant, recognizing her work to provide resources to strengthen communities and create social consciousness by empowering youth. They in 2022, L’Oréal Paris honored her with its Women of Worth distinction, spotlighting women who uplift their communities through service to others. Each Women of Worth honoree received a $20,000 award to benefit their charitable cause, mentorship from the L’Oréal Paris network, and a national platform to tell their story. “Rachel beautifully embodies what it means to be a L’Oréal Paris Women of Worth honoree,” said Crystal Thompson, L’Oréal Paris associate vice president of brand engagement. “She champions our youngest and most vulnerable with generosity and tenacity, reminding each and every one of them that they are worth it.”

With Project Libertad’s growth over the last several years, Rutter remains steadfast in advancing her consequential work that began at Gettysburg College to make the world a better place, especially for young people. “I am currently the only attorney at Project Libertad, and I have about 80 kids that I represent right now. It’s really hard to tell them no, especially when I can help them, and it’s not likely that somebody else will,” she said. “I’ve gained more confidence in myself as I go along and recognized the need to have faith in myself just as others have put their faith in me.”

Visit ProjectLibertad.org to learn more and discover volunteer opportunities.
LINUS MABUGHI NYIWUL

by Cameron Jury ’23

Gettysburg College Economics Chair and Africana Studies Prof. Linus Mabughi Nyiwul truly embodies a love for teaching. It all started with his teachers back home in Cameroon, who inspired him in the drive to teach the next generation of thinkers.

“In my first-ever economics class in high school, our teacher explained the international commodity market crisis of the 1970s as a demand and supply issue. I began to understand how events thousands of miles from home could have deep impacts on our lives. My interest in economics was born—and I never looked back,” Nyiwul said.

Growing up, Nyiwul’s grandfather was his biggest inspiration, especially when it came to persevering through challenges.

“His wisdom just came naturally. His teaching method was to never give up or say no to something just because I thought I didn’t have the means,” Nyiwul said.

“In my second year at Buea, I had to take a class in probability and statistics that I watched my friends fail over and over,” he explained. “I was the summer leading up to the class, I collected notes, bought a textbook, and studied. I found it much easier to understand the material having already studied it. Immediately, my friends wanted me to teach them—it basically became my part-time job! It just came naturally to me, and it has stuck with me forever.”

Nyiwul’s undergraduate thesis, focused on the economic impact of a forest conservation project, has had a long-standing interest in environmental and resource economics and developmental economics. He received his master’s degree in economics from The American University in Cairo in 2004 and a Ph.D. in resource economics from the University of Massachusetts in 2009.

At each of these institutions, he was also a teaching assistant. For his instruction of microeconomics and statistics at the latter, he earned the Teaching Assistant of Distinction award.

“I have worked hard researching these topics because I really just enjoy it,” he said.

“I have published at least one paper annually for the past six years. Now, I am trying to engage as many students as possible to do this research with me.”

After finishing graduate school during the Great Recession, Nyiwul debated consulting full-time. However, while perusing the American Economic Association website, he saw an opening at Gettysburg College. After being hired, he quickly discovered Gettysburg’s tight-knit community and fell in love with the town.

Having now taught at Gettysburg for 14 years, Nyiwul appreciates the opportunity to mentor students every day, especially when they gain new perspectives on the world. His favorite classes relate to statistics for the growth opportunity it presents for both his students and him. But most especially, he has found guiding students in the economics senior honors thesis course fulfilling. Outside the classroom, he’s also the faculty advisor for the Gettysburg African Student Association and the Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity.

“The senior honors thesis course is a class where you go through a lot of struggles, but in those struggles, you realize you are never alone,” said Nyiwul, who proudly hangs photos of each class in his office. “I see my students build themselves up by leaning on each other. By the end of the semester, I truly have a small community of researchers bonded in comradery.”

Nyiwul spends most of his time in Gettysburg’s Economics Department building on Carlisle Street, but he and his family—wife Tania Reyes and daughters Muso, age 11, and Njang, age 14—still find time to engage with the community, too. Every month, they meet with a small group of Cameroonians to cook food, eat, drink, and hang out. He enjoys gardening and growing vegetables, which he often shares with his colleagues at Gettysburg and friends in town.

With every passing year, Nyiwul continues to reflect on his love for teaching and Gettysburg College.

“I often go back to what motivates my teaching,” said Nyiwul, who won the Luther V. and Bernice L. Thompson Distinguished Teaching Award in 2017. “I don’t ever want my students to find themselves struggling like my friends did. Rather, my top goal is to give them the best experience in my classes. I know some of these experiences can last a lifetime.”
“This is Gettysburg. This is where they fought the Battle of Gettysburg.”

Many might remember this line from “Remember the Titans” (2000), the movie based on the true story of the integration of the T.C. Williams High School football team. Oscar-winning actor Denzel Washington, who portrayed Coach Herman Boone, uttered these words as he gave a motivational speech to this team following a long run through the battlefield. Many might not know that the real Titans spent a crucial week together on Gettysburg’s campus for training camp before their 1971 championship season. Those groundbreaking players, who overcame social tensions to unite their community, stayed in the same residence halls our students live in today, forging a new courageous path down the road of change.

Each year, approximately 1 to 2 million tourists descend upon Gettysburg to visit the battlefield, and many millions more see this consequential place on the big screen in movies like “Gettysburg” (1993) and “The Civil War” (1990), the latter of which was directed by award-winning documentarian Ken Burns, who recently returned to Gettysburg for Who Are We?: A Festival Celebrating the Films of Ken Burns at the Majestic Theater.

The historic buildings throughout our College and town have been film backdrops for decades. For “Birch Interval” (1976), the façade of Brua Hall was the exterior of the state mental hospital, while in 2009, “Extreme Makeover: Home Edition” carpenter and designer John Littlefield tangled with Gettysburg’s wrestling team in Bream Gym. A year later, parts of the community appeared in episodes of “House Hunters” and “Ghost Adventures.”

Recent visitors may have also witnessed filming for “A Gettysburg Christmas,” set to air this winter, which highlights the magical bonds of friendship within the community. The film, directed by Bo Brinkman, who played Gen. Robert E. Lee’s aide-de-camp Maj. Walter H. Taylor in “Gettysburg,” will feature popular destinations for tourists and students alike, including Mr. G’s Ice Cream and the Dobbin House Tavern.

Stories about the perseverance of Gettysburg students, too, have made their way to the big screen. In 1975, NBC premiered “Journey From Darkness,” an inspiring story about David Weissman ’72, the first-ever blind student to be admitted to and graduate from a medical school in the United States. Four decades later, Cory Weissman ’12, who suffered a life-threatening stroke during his first year at Gettysburg, was the focus of “1000 to 1: The Cory Weissman Story” (2014), which showcased his triumphant return to the basketball court thanks to a community of supporters on and off campus.

A pivotal part of history, Gettysburg remains a fitting setting for stories of advocacy. Those stories, however, are built around its people—each scene a reminder of the connections that make the place.
**OCTOBER 13-15**

- Homecoming and BOLD Reunion Weekend
- Reunion Celebrations for Classes of 2013 and 2018
- Young Alumni Awards
- Hall of Athletic Honor Inductions

**OCTOBER 27-29**

- Family Weekend
- Fall Honors Day

See details for all of these events and more at gettysburg.edu/alumni/events.

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**NOMINATIONS TO ALUMNI ASSOCIATION BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

**DEADLINE: MARCH 1, 2024**

Alumni Association Board of Directors share a close connection to the College and provide leadership and representation for all alumni. Send your nominations to Joe Lynch ‘85 at jlynch@gettysburg.edu or 717-337-6532.

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**NOMINATIONS FOR ALUMNI ASSOCIATION AWARDS**

**DEADLINE: NOVEMBER 12, 2023**

The Alumni Association invites alumni to nominate candidates for awards by November 12. Complete the form at gettysburg.edu/alumniawards or contact alicia@gettysburg.edu or 717-337-6580.

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**CLASSES OF 1953**

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Al Gregson Comery
of Wakefield, RI, was surprised that he has turned 90 “with the help of a pacemaker and artificial heart valve and will be giving up his car.” Al is looking forward to becoming a great-grandfather in July. Al also shared that his daughter, Karen, has become a judge with the U.S. Department of Justice. Congratulations! Nancy Penniman Young toured Iceland in March and said that Iceland is becoming the new tourist destination. She commented, “The cold winter is offset by cheap heat from the volcano underneath Iceland.” She was surprised at the proliferation of horse farms in Iceland. After touring Iceland, Nan took the Road Scholar tour of NYC—five boroughs in five days! Carol Jones Watts maintains that her husband, Wade, spent two years in Alaska, where his physician husband cared for native Alaskans in remote villages. In 1990, they moved to Block Island and then on to Wakefield, where Jane increased her involvement with music, particularly in summer programs in Maine and Vermont. Jane enjoyed cross-country skiing, playing-chamber music, participating in political activism with the Quakers, and taking family camping vacations. She is survived by her husband of 67 years, three children, and four grandchildren. Robert H. Knick of Potomac, IL, after graduation, Bob was a pilot in the U.S. Air Force. He then began work for Caterpillar and rose to become the marketing manager. He is survived by his wife, Louise, three children, nine grandchildren, 14 great-grandchildren, and a brother. Barbara Halley of Penn Township, Hanover, PA, earned her master’s degree in library science from Drexel Institute of Technology (now Drexel University). She then worked briefly for the Upper Darby Public Library before being employed by the Lippincott Library of the Wharton School of the U of Pennsylvania from 1954 to 1994. After retiring and moving to Homeland at Plum Creek in Hanover, Barb was an active volunteer in many areas, including in Homeland’s library. Barb is survived by several cousins.

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**CANDIDATES FOR HONORARY DEGREES**

**DEADLINE: NOVEMBER 1, 2023, FOR 2023 COMMENCEMENT**

Honorary degrees are awarded to individuals whose achievements are well-documented, have lasted over time, and will have an inspirational impact on others, especially our students. The nomination form and guidelines are available at gettysburg.edu/honorarydegrees. If you have any questions, you may email HonoraryDegreeNominations@gettysburg.edu.

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**NOTES**

Walter Rentzeller of Amherst, NH: Following graduation, Walter spent three years in the U.S. Air Force. He earned his Master of Hospital Administration from Columbia University and began work in hospital administration. He finished his career as president of Community Hospital in Glen Cove, Long Island, NY. He is survived by his wife Dorothy, three children, and five grandchildren. Jacqueline Harvey Thomas of Exeter, NH, After graduation, Jackie earned a master’s degree in life science at the U of New Hampshire and began a career at Phillips Exeter Academy, where she was appointed academic librarian. In 2021, she was honored with the Founders Day award for exceptional service to the academy. Jackie was active in every aspect of school life, serving as student advisor, tennis coach, and a member of numerous committees. She is survived by three daughters and six grandchildren. Our condolences to the families of these classmates. Editor’s note: We are proud to share that Helen-Ann (Souder) Comstock recently received her Distinguished Alumni Award from 2020 at Reunion Weekend this year! Congratulations, Helen-Ann! Helen-Ann (Souder) Comstock 604 S. Washington Square, #1111 Philadelphia, PA 19106 215-800-5125 helenann.comstock@gmail.com

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As April concludes, the Northeast has experienced a four-day-long cloud cover that has lasted nearly a month. Later in the summer, we'll probably be begging for some of it for our gardens and farms. As you know, Elaine (Kost) ’58, and her class are planning to gather at the College in June for their 65th Reunion—a hearty bunch to be sure!

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In my last column, I asked, “Are there more ‘Seniors with Attitude?’” Happily, Jeanne Scott Robinson responded. She recently moved from Baltimore into a house in Pasadena, MD. She has a master’s degree in social work from Adelphi U and had a long career in hospital social work. She was recently diagnosed with Alzheimer’s, but she and they had to work on rehabilitating it during the COVID-19 pandemic years. She wrote, “Yes, we know we are actually too old for this and feeling it every time we lift yet another box.” But that hard work was worth it—they have a water view and are neighbors to their younger son and his family. She greets our friends from jeannescottrobinson.net. Sadly, since the last column, that “ever-flowing stream” approached a flood. I have received obituaries for the following: Elisa Langanus Fisher died on Nov. 4, 2022. An educator all her life, Elisa and her husband, the late Rev. James Fisher ’58, founded The Hill Top Preparatory School, a school to serve children with disabilities, in Bryn Mawr, PA. Elisa was survived by her son, a daughter, and four grandchildren.

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Stephanie C. Koffler died Dec. 18, 2022, in Newport Beach, CA. Steve attended medical school in Iowa and completed his residency in LA, where he was both a plastic surgeon and an educator in pediatrics. He is survived by his wife of 64 years, Lynne; a son, a daughter; and four grandchildren. Ann Forthunberg Eicholtz died Dec. 18, 2022. After G’burg, she earned a master’s degree in education and started her career in early education before advancing to administrative positions. Anne was predeceased by her husband, Paul, her brother, Robert ’44, and her sister, Ruthie ’50. She is survived by a son, a daughter (Susan ’83), and six grandchildren. Mary Ann Sulzer died Dec. 22, 2022, in Newville, PA. Mary Ann was a member of Phi Mu sorority and was elected to Phi Beta Kappa. She worked for many years as Town Motors before retiring. Mary Ann is predeceased by her husband, John, and survived by a daughter, two sons, six grandchildren, and five great-grandchildren. Louise Meyer Morrow died on Feb. 5. Louise earned a master’s degree in social work from Adelphi U and had a long career in hospital social work. She was recently diagnosed with Alzheimer’s, but she and they had to work on rehabilitating it during the COVID-19 pandemic years. She wrote, “Yes, we know we are actually too old for this and feeling it every time we lift yet another box.” But that hard work was worth it—they have a water view and are neighbors to their younger son and his family. She greets our friends from jeannescottrobinson.net. Sadly, since the last column, that “ever-flowing stream” approached a flood. I have received obituaries for the following: Elisa Langanus Fisher died on Nov. 4, 2022. An educator all her life, Elisa and her husband, the late Rev. James Fisher ’58, founded The Hill Top Preparatory School, a school to serve children with disabilities, in Bryn Mawr, PA. Elisa was survived by her son, a daughter, and four grandchildren.

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Le Yaya to celebrate birthdays with French food. Fred Regelow has retired for the third (and final?) time. “I preached my last sermon as the stated supply pastor for Faith United Church of Christ in PA on Christmas Eve and turned 86 three days later. I am slowing down with age, and had just a feeling that I would not become one of those doddering old pastors who subjected people to repetitious and stale sermons that neither interested nor enlightened anyone. Where I hung it up with the sincerity with which I have kept my promise.” He and Janice ’64 still make forays into upstate New York and to Chincoteague, VA, from their home in Lewisburg. Stop by here, Fred, on your next trip to Chincoteague! Ed Palmer died in Dec. 2022 after a 41-year career in the psychology department of Davidson College in NC. Ed earned his Ph.D. at Ohio U and taught at Western Maryland College in NC. Ed earned his Ph.D. at New York U and became a renowned financial analyst, heading a variety of financial institutions and serving with significant charities. He was recognized for his advocacy for neglected and abused children. He loved nature and was an avid birdwatcher and hiker. He will likely be remembered most for his genuine caring, his generosity of spirit, and his trademark phrase “travel gently.” Ticky Wright enjoyed the April Fools’ Day prank that put 160 photos of her granddaughters all over her house, upstairs and down, on a Friday the 13th. Her mailbox is very lonely. It has received 160 pieces of mail in the month of April! "I love hearing from old classmates, as well. I earned his degree at Columbia U in 1972, and I’ve been active in the alumni chapter. My mailbox is very lonely. It has received 160 pieces of mail in the month of April! "I love hearing from old classmates, as well. I Hello, 1964 Classmates! This is Penn Larder. I have volunteered to be your class representative as a class of 1964. This has been the most searching period for me in my career as a teacher. In many ways and a sought-after soloist in various churches. She and Dennis were married for 34 years. Her parents were both Gus Bleicher alumni. Jon Alexander died in March. His obituary traces his journey into the Roman Catholic priesthood and the Dominican Order and his service at a variety of parishes, as well. I earned his degree at Columbia U in 1972, and I’ve been active in the alumni chapter. My mailbox is very lonely. It has received 160 pieces of mail in the month of April! "I love hearing from old classmates, as well. I Hello, 1964 Classmates! This is Penn Larder. I have volunteered to be your class representative as a class of 1964. This has been the most searching period for me in my career as a teacher. In many ways and a sought-after soloist in various churches. She and Dennis were married for 34 years. Her parents were both Gus Bleicher alumni. Jon Alexander died in March. His obituary traces his journey into the Roman Catholic priesthood and the Dominican Order and his service at a variety of parishes, as well. I earned his degree at Columbia U in 1972, and I’ve been active in the alumni chapter. My mailbox is very lonely. It has received 160 pieces of mail in the month of April! "I love hearing from old classmates, as well. I
Africa, during her leaving behind a growing fascination with street art. She founded a travel company that focused on Morocco and (later) other North African countries with many boutique excursions. Chasing Street Art was named LYG Global Award Winner 2022-23 for Cultural Tour Operator of the Year. While I was looking for a golf cart in Wilmington, NC, the shop owner saw my G’burg decal and said that his father-in-law was at G’burg. I’m out of space, so I’ll have to share Stephen and Dick Sholes’ story in my next column and list the many accomplishments of Tom West. Finally, today is a great day to send off your Class of 2023 roommate, who has always been leader, let’s keep that distinction.

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Reunion, our class gifts via all the various fundraising vehicles have a continuing impact on helping the Gettysburg College community. Please give yourselves kudos for your wonderful generosity! As part of our fundraising for the 50th Reunion class gift, members of the Class of 1971 established The Leon ‘Buddy’ Glover Jr. ’71 Endowed Scholarship Fund in memory of our inspirational classmate, Buddy Glover. Buddy was one of four African American students recruited for the Class of 1971 through the Upward Bound program; he was the only one to graduate from Gettysburg College.

A Dean’s list student, Buddy distinguished himself in the classroom among the college’s CTCA activist, writer, and mentor. Following the death of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. in 1968, Buddy became a social activist, cofounding what was to become the Black Student Union at Gettysburg College. To this day, the BSU’s mission remains focused on representing African American culture and issues on campus. His outstanding Barbara Paul, a member of Sigma Chi, was a member of Sigma Chi, and she was a心 of the classroom beyond as a founder member of the Park Cook Club as well as the club’s record keeper. She drew on those carefully kept records, deep knowledge of all things culinary, and her previously hidden talent as a writer to produce articles which were widely read and enjoyed by the Gettysburg community. She recounted adventures and misadventures undertaken in her travel–like holiday home, and Frank 2022, which was also memorable. I am a big fan of the Gettysburg Travel Program as we headed out to Costa Rica in Nov. 2022, and we planned our wife’s 70th birthday at Walt Disney World earlier this year and embarked on a trip around the Italian Peninsula and up to Denmark. It’s been great being able to cross off some bucket-list destinations. In this writing, we remember the lives of three of our classmates. Linda Diane Snyder passed away Feb. 1. Linda was survived by her husband of 50 years, Scott Schott ’70, and their son, Alexander. Upon her graduation from Gettysburg, Linda and Scott moved to St. Petersburg, FL, where she worked in administration at Eckerd College, then on to Columbia, MD, where she worked for Digital Equipment Corp. Soon, she moved to the Greater Boston area. She retired in 2013. John Blackwell attended the 50th Reunion celebration of our Class of 1971. We are so glad to have you back! Jon Blackwell, a 1971 graduate, is a member of Sigma Chi. He was a heart attack in May.
We send our condolences to the family of Washington College but still serves as a Watching three grandchildren grow and celebrate her life.

Aungst, of Selinsgrove, PA. U in the admissions office for 37 years and Medical Center, Danville, PA, on Friday, Hallmark Christmas movies and decorating her home for each season. Pam will be dearly missed by her family and friends, her husband, Greg; her son and daughter-in-law, Jordan and Briana Aungst of Gettysburg, and her daughter, Molly Aungst, of Selinsgrove, PA. Karen Paul Macks in a happy in the new small town that all the family members lived in.

Karen has retired from teaching at Washington College but still serves as a guest lecturer. Life is good on Maryland's Eastern Shore, the reporter! Retirement has its ups and downs. Karen is taking up golf, more travel opportunities with national parks as a favorite destination, and extra time to read. Watchdogging is her favorite part of life. Karen Panareo is another of Karen's greatest pleasures. Joan Weinberger Altenrosen reported that she and her husband Bruce are now both happily retired in Jacksonville, FL. They keep quite busy with outdoor experiences—gardening, swimming, playing with their local grandkids, Clare (age 12) and Penny (age 4). When the weather is too hot, they take indoor books while Bruce is tracking current events online and then it's off to their local book club for discussions. They are always looking forward to more traveling this year with plans for return trips to historic Williamsburg, Alexandria, and New York City, and West, plus multiple trips to Massachusetts to visit their son's family, including the newest grandchild, 2-year-old Clarkson. Bill Groves and his wife, Kathy Groves '76, continued their "on the road again" retirement with a five-state trip visiting friends and family, which included a stop in Sturgis for a highly recommended concert by the College Choir.

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I received a nice note from Stephanie Phillips Travis, who has lived in Charleston, NC, since 1985. She and her husband, Joe—a videographer, producer, editor, local classical, and graduate of Coker College in Hartsville, SC—celebrated their 36th wedding anniversary last fall. They have raised two fantastic humans, Hannah and Marshall, who are in their early 30s and live close by in Charleston and Bruce Elk, NC. Stever retired in Nov. 2022 after 40-plus years in nonprofit executive leadership roles—to many to cite and now put in the past. Next up is planning our son's wedding and buying wedding punishment. Pacific Northwest as much as possible to visit with family members who are avid fisherman. Steffie likes fishing and crabbing there but prefers eating their catches and shopping the quaint communities in Washington and Oregon. On her bucket list is the hope to build and manage a tiny house community for low-income families on some land they own in SC and launch an entrepreneurial marketplace to help these families learn skills and sell their wares. She has always wanted to participate in a "collaborative community" since visiting one in Rome, GA, during a Grinnell J-term study abroad in 1987. She is a very proud mom and dad of two. Dawn McGowan, of Altoona, PA, passed away June 3, 2022. She is survived by her son Janin and preceded in death by her son Brian. She was a loving wife, mother, grandmother, teacher, and teaching students of all ages and varieties. Dawn was a woman of great faith who enjoyed traveling. She is missed by all who knew her and had a way of making every day special. A special thank you to get these emails from the Alumni Office and on Lewisboro's Zoning Board of Appeal. He was an original fan of Tom always enjoyed taking long walks on the battlefield and returned to campus and the surrounding area throughout his life. After graduation from G’burg, Tom attended New York Law School and obtained his J.D. in 1980. Throughout his adulthood, he took great pride in serving as a longtime member of the Visiting Nurse Services Westchester (VNSW) Board and on Levison’s Zoning Board of Appeal. He was an original fan of the New York Mets and reared in their World Series wins. Tom took great delight in the lift he and his wife Denise created over the years in South Salem, NY, and was immensely proud of their children, Emily, John, and Brian, and their achievements, many of which he captured through his camera lens—all the while smiling and cracking jokes on the sidelines.

I am a strong supporter of the community as a Little League umpire for his two sons, Tom and his wife, Martha. He is a retired Army Battalion (Artillery). He also received his MBA from the U of Maryland and went on to become a captain in the Third Army and during the Iraq War. Christian Hager died in Frederick, MD, on Dec. 15, 2022. After G’burg, he served in the U.S. Army as a captain in the Third Army and during the Iraq War. Christian Hager died in Frederick, MD, on Dec. 15, 2022. After G’burg, he served in the U.S. Army as a captain in the Third Army and during the Iraq War. Christian Hager died in Frederick, MD, on Dec. 15, 2022. After G’burg, he served in the U.S. Army as a captain in the Third Army and during the Iraq War. Christian Hager died in Frederick, MD, on Dec. 15, 2022. After G’burg, he served in the U.S. Army as a captain in the Third Army and during the Iraq War. Christian Hager died in Frederick, MD, on Dec. 15, 2022. After G’burg, he served in the U.S. Army as a captain in the Third Army and during the Iraq War. Christian Hager died in Frederick, MD, on Dec. 15, 2022. After G’burg, he served in the U.S. Army as a captain in the Third Army and during the Iraq War.
Greetings. Greg Darus has some exciting news. After 40 years as a financial executive in Hershey as well as a professor of accounting at the U of Illinois, Greg retired in 2021 and now lives in Center City Philadelphia with his wife, Abby, of 33 years. The most exciting news is that he has spent the past 14 months writing a book, Checkmate: Tips & Lessons to Help You Make the Right Moves to Achieve Happiness! The book includes more than a dozen lessons from his interviews and outside research. Greg’s hope for this book is that it helps readers increase their happiness. His book is currently available on Amazon. You can check out his five-star reviews and read an expert at this link: www.amazon.com/authors/gregdorovitscheckmate. Kirsten Gure Freller wrote that she and her husband John recently relocated from Abington, PA, to Lititz, PA. Kirsten is still working as a senior doctoring analyst for the law firm of Blank Rome, and since the COVID-19 pandemic, her job is now fully remote. Kirsten added a new addition to her family; they recently adopted a Westie puppy. Sarah Babylion Durserve shared a great picture on our class Facebook page of three generations of Gettysburg alums in her family. The picture shows Sarah’s mom, Evelyn Babylion ’48; her daughter, Melissa Dorrance Cimbala ’13; and her “putting up a corn,” a family tradition held each August. If you are checking this column, my next deadline is soon. Send a quick email, text, or give me a call. Your classmates would all love to hear what you have been up to. Stay well.

Hello, Class of 1984. Happy summer. I hope this time of year in all it’s supposed to be—relaxing, rejuvenating, and rewarding! It is certainly hard to believe that it’s 35 years since our graduation from Gettysburg! Next year is a big year: 40! It seems like we all just turned 40 years old. How is this possible? I haven’t heard from any of you but please share life updates with me when you can. I hope all of you are well!

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No news to report. Don’t forget to share your updates for the next column!

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Gordian Jones retired from a marketing job in Dec. 2022, although he spent the bulk of his career as a sportswriter, who he loved and in which he still dabbles. Since retirement, he has taken a part-time job as a bartender at a Lancaster County courthouse, which, he said, has been an eye-opening experience! Jeff Marini continues his retirement hobby of hunting. He recently bought a Zoni-nominated two-actor play from Arizona to a theater in New York. Beyond his stage, Jeff has appeared in a dozen films and half a dozen commercials. Ken Goody reports that he and his husband Todd have been splitting their time between rural Susquehanna County, PA, and New York City. He’s happy publishing, running a grantmaking foundation that funds projects benefiting vulnerable children. He reports that it’s been great to be back on the road after COVID-19. Last fall, he visited rural villages in Romania, where the foundation funds educational enhancements, art classes, and music activities. But he also just returned from Guatemala, visiting organizations that work with children with disabilities. McCard reported that he and his roommate at freshman football camp and Sigma Chi brothers, Jen “Bia” Bichy, passed away peacefully this past winter in Melbourne, FL. Mike Tracy and Dave Bonney spoke at his service and say his jokes were as great as ever. Finally, classmate David “Scott” Crockett IV of Red Lodge, MT, passed away in Nov. 2022 after battling ALS. His obituary says that he loved music and turned that into a gig as a DJ. Attending the funerals of our classmates is a way to honor and remember them. Haley’s was kind enough to provide several updates about sharing with those who we love, and he did that often. David understood the value of giving back, and he did that by supporting and supported countless others over the years. He was an immense presence whose absence is felt greatly. Donations may be made in David’s name to Max For Well For Life, a charity he helped start and cared deeply about, at www.mawswellfolf.com. Dave, you are gone too soon and may you rest in peace.

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as a sales executive at The Washington Post and has been in business with his family in Norwich, CT. At B’gur, Dave was a TKE. His classmates describe him as spontaneous, funny, smart, naturally skilled at all activities, but music, especially the guitar player. Dave loved turning someone he knew—Haley always maintained a positive attitude, remained active, and strive to be a source of comfort and inspiration to others of debilitating ailments he encountered. Haley would be the first to say he was blessed with a very full and interesting life experience, including having a loving family, great friends and colleagues, interesting work environments, and excellent health. Haley grew up in West Hartford and attended Hall High School, attained a bachelor’s degree from Oberlin College, a master’s degree from Trinity College, and advanced language training from Keio and J. F. Oberlin universities in Japan. Haley attended a sales executive position at Accordant Philanthropy. Kathy Malone, Danielella Billera, Mimi Dassow, and Jill Littman Conway met mid-November in NYC to celebrate Kathy’s daughter Kate perform in an opera at the Manhattan School of Music. Their next long weekend gathering with Sarah Hitch Burdi and Leslie Biddles made for a wonderful time to be together and to celebrate life. Haley was beloved by all who were lucky to know him. Dave had a long and successful career growing up in West Hartford and attended Hall High School, attained a bachelor’s degree from Oberlin College, a master’s degree from Trinity College, and advanced language training from Keio and J. F. Oberlin universities in Japan. Haley attended a sales executive position at Accordant Philanthropy. Kathy Malone, Danielella Billera, Mimi Dassow, and Jill Littman Conway met mid-November in NYC to celebrate Kathy’s daughter Kate perform in an opera at the Manhattan School of Music. Their next long weekend gathering with Sarah Hitch Burdi and Leslie Biddles made for a wonderful time to be together and to celebrate life. Haley was beloved by all who were lucky to know him. Dave had a long and successful career starting at Wake Forest U on the pre-
Chris Nelson filled me in on a recent get-together of some classmates. Fija had her annual alumni Pig Dinner in early April, and she and her husband, Jonathan’s milestone birthdays of 55 and 60, respectively. We enjoyed seeing Sarah Wendt, Jessica Tenney (with her daughter Lauren), Laura-Lynn Hilber (with her husband Phil), Mary Maxfield, Brian Bickel ’93, and her husband Barry Bickel ’86, and Andrea Oliveri Binkley ’93. We had a blast shooting one another, singing, reminiscing, and celebrating the birthday couple. Also, this past fall, Tim and I had fun hosting one of his Phi Pi brothers, Kenny Banner ’91, as he visited and joined Tim for the Pleasure Island Fall Surf Fishing Challenge. The guys had a ball, catching more than 30 fish (flounder, pickeral, bluefish, and drum). More importantly, Kenny took time to visit with his daughter, who is finishing her junior year at nearby UNC-Wilmington. Meanwhile Kenny’s wife, Emily Pelka ’91, enjoyed a Gettysburg girl weekend up in NH. If you are anywhere near the Dallas, PA, area and beyond, Gerry Mihalick has been living his lifelong dream of performing in public at various venues, and it is fun to hear and see him live. He recently performed at the Mountaintop Motorcoach in Scanton, PA. Gerry covers an eclectic mix of alternative, country, some classical, rap, and other styles. Gerry decided that any entry fee charged would go to the charity of the restaurant or bar owner’s choice. He is having a blast meeting some great people, particularly those in the music industry. By day, he continues his work as a fund manager. Good for you, Gerry! Send your news, everyone, and stay well.

Jay and Carol Nosh (Foster) DeTuro ’93 and their daughter Lauren stayed at a rest stop on the I-76 and later at the Howard Johnson in Hanover on Saturday night and Sunday morning. They met with Martha (McKee) DeTuro and her children on Sunday afternoon at St. Peter’s Church in Hanover. It was a wonderful experience. Sarah recently visited with her husband and son, and she tutors at-risk students along with taking on occasional editing work. Sarah recently returned from a trip to Turks and Caicos Islands, where they dined at their favorite restaurant. They have been recently inspired by the palm trees, sun, and beach life. They were accompanied by their oldest daughter. Her two older children are in college. She recently started a job as the assistant director of admissions at her high school alma mater, Governor Livingston Preparatory School. Sarah also mentioned she is in touch with Colleen Mihalick ’88, and get together regularly and are hoping to get together in 2024 for their 50th birthdays. If you have any additional updates that you’d like to share in the magazine, let me know! We’d love to hear from you!

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Rachel DeVincenzo lives in West Chester, PA, and is a high school senior event sourcing manager for a third-party meetings and incentives company. In addition, she coaches a local high school swim team and loves being back in the sport that was such a huge part of her Gettysburg experience. Sarah recently visited with Beth (Foster) DeTure and the DeVincenzo’s, and Anthony Williamsson. Beth lives in Charlotte, NC, with her husband and son, and she tutors at-risk students along with taking on occasional editing work. Sarah recently returned from a trip to Turks and Caicos Islands, where they dined at their favorite restaurant. They have been recently inspired by the palm trees, sun, and beach life. They were accompanied by their oldest daughter. Her two older children are in college. She recently started a job as the assistant director of admissions at her high school alma mater, Governor Livingston Preparatory School. Sarah also mentioned she is in touch with Colleen Mihalick ’88, and get together regularly and are hoping to get together in 2024 for their 50th birthdays. If you have any additional updates that you’d like to share in the magazine, let me know! We’d love to hear from you!

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David Fort and his family recently met up with John Miller at the National Cherry Blossom Festival in Washington, D.C. John and Lauren’s two sons were part of the DMV’s Who’s in Group entry in the National Cherry Blossom Festival Parade. Jon Heyman-Brown, Traci Bergan DeBakker, Jill McFarland Holland, Stacy Elwood Head, Lauren Marrelli, and Liz Berge Hayes met for a ladies’ weekend in March in Jamaica. Although they desperately missed the other Class of 2004 friends who couldn’t make it, they somehow managed to have an amazing time. Josh Eyer wrote, “Our friend, wrestling teammate, and classmate Peter Crumbaker passed away recently. We are working with Gettysburg College to try to create an endowment in his memory called the Peter Peter Crumbaker Endowment. Which would certainly benefit the team (funding for new equipment, travel, etc.). We are about 78% of the way toward our goal of $50,000, which will be necessary to establish the endowment. If you are interested in contributing to the endowment, please contact Josh Eyer (pjerly2@gmail.com), Shawn Greene, or Rich Lahus for more information.”

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Class of 2005, I hope you have a nice summer, and I look forward to hearing from you in the fall!

No news this week. Don’t forget to share your updates for future class notes!

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In Jan. 2023, Florida Governor Ron DeSantis appointed Jason C. Weida as Secretary of the Florida Agency for Health Care Administration. The agency is Florida’s lead health policy and planning entity. It manages the state’s $37 billion Medicaid program, licenses more than 50,000 health care facilities, and regulates 47 health plans. Jason lives in Tallahassee, FL, with his wife, Kelsey, and their four children.

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Janna (Diaz) Erlandson and her husband CJ welcomed their son, Oliver Christopher Ermir, on Dec. 30, 2022. It was the perfect completion to the family! Following the completion of his medical residency at the Mayo Clinic, Nicholas McKinsey started a medical microbiology and infectious disease pathology fellowship at Mass General Brigham, Harvard, this past summer. On Feb. 12, 2023, Nicholas was named president & CEO of The Columbia Montour Chamber of Commerce in Bloomsburg, PA. The mission of the chamber is to represent local employers in supporting vibrant, sustainable communities in Columbia and Montour counties in PA.

Tyler Littler
welcomed a son and potential future football player with his wife, Robin Miglici-Reece, on Dec. 30, 2022, in Berlin, Germany. Katie (Hagin) Duffee and her husband Logan welcomed Jane Kathryn on Nov. 7, 2022. She is a little sister to Jimmy, who is thrilled to be a big brother! Meghan (Anderson) O’Neil and her husband Patrick, along with proud big sisters Bridget and Mary Claire, welcomed baby boy Patrick in Oct. 2022.

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Class of ’04

Hellis, Class of ’04! Congratulations to Janet (Tiede) Cassarino, Janet and Steve Cassarino ’02 welcomed Isadora Ruth Cassarino, born Aug. 31, 2022. She is little sister to Jimmy, who is thrilled to be a big brother! Meghan (Anderson) O’Neil and her husband Patrick, along with proud big sisters Bridget and Mary Claire, welcomed baby boy Patrick in Oct. 2022. After graduating from Gettysburg, Claire (Mayorga) Lugo returned to Baltimore and received a Bachelor of Science in nursing from Johns Hopkins University School of Nursing. With her family, Claire has worked as a nurse at Johns Hopkins, providing both inpatient and, most recently, outpatient care. In 2022, Claire received a DASY Award for Extraordinary Nurses, the first-ever award to a Johns Hopkins University nurse. Claire graduated from Johns Hopkins Carey Business School in May with a master’s degree in health care management. Claire lives in Towson, MD, with her husband Doug, their two children, Andrew (9) and Audrey (7), and their two Labs, Evelyn and Charlotte. Cassarino (Tiede) Cas
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Class of ’06

Jamie L. Koester, a national employment law attorney from Jackson Lewis P.C. has been elevated to principal. Jamie is an attorney in the firm’s Boston office and represents public and private higher education institutions on employment law matters. Sarah Christian and her husband Tom ’07 welcomed their second child, Emily, birthed in Sept. 2022. Emily and her big sister Charlotte are looking forward to a trip to campus soon.

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Class of ’07

After G’burg, Alexander Putnam worked as a lab technician for a chemical company, finished his master’s degree in biology and biotechnology from Worcester Polytechnic Institute in 2021, and is now a fermentation engineer at Givson LLC. He is also a proud new homeowner in Walhain, MA. Janan Parker accepted a position in advancement at his alma mater Carolina Friends School, an independent Quaker school in Durham, NC. Megan (Grubin) Benders-Cuker finished her fifth year as a professor at C’burg.

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Class of ’10

Christiania (Gerd) Pally and Brian Pally welcomed their second child, Thomas. Mercedes to the family on Feb. 8. Alejandro Lopez-Wilson received his Diploma with Distinction in sustainability and global wine law from the Université de Reims Champagne-Ardenne as part of his MBA program in wine and spirits management at the Université de Reims Champagne-Ardenne. He graduated at the Meôt & Chandon global headquarters in Epernay. Kevin Houck was named a partner in a New York City law firm. He lives in his sister-in-law, Malu, and their children, Chloe, William, and Hollie. The beloved son of William J. Fitzpatrick III and Miriam McKeef Fitzpatrick, Kevin was born on April 13, 1988, and was a bouncing baby boy who never stopped smiling. He graduated from Fairfield Prep in 2006 and Gettysburg College in 2010 with a degree in creative writing. He had a successful career change and graduated from Simmons U in May 2022 with a master’s degree in social work. In June 2022, she joined the primary care behavioral health team at Family Health Center of Worcester, where she specializes in perinatal, infant, and early childhood mental health. Terri (Lewis) King McGinnis married Staff Sgt. Mark McGinnis, (U.S. Army) in 2021 in an intimate wedding in the Nevada mountains. They moved into their first home on Lake Gladewater, TX, in the summer of 2022. Their new baby, Teagan, was born Oct. 2022, and the toddler is keeping everyone busy. A special thank you to Jennifer Amundt Bredt for carrying the torch these past few years and passing it gracefully on to me.

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Class Notes
He was a voracious reader with a keen interest in art, antique and luxury automobiles, clothing, and sneakers. Kevin had a wide-ranging love of music, enjoying artists from Nile Rodgers to Twickle. Kevin loved his family deeply, including his many aunts and uncles, and particularly his cousins. But the one who could always make his face light up was his niece, Chloe, and their twin brothers, William and Hollie. He was never happier than when he was a kid again playing on the floor with them. Kevin treasured his lifelong friendship with Kyle Travis and the entire Travis family. To know Kevin was to love him. There wasn’t a kid again playing on the floor with them.

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Kevin proved to be a marketing genius. After her time at Gettysburg, she graduated from Vanderbilt Law School, and James Goodman has accepted a position as a park ranger at the Statue of Liberty National Monument. In addition to her professional responsibilities, she assists mid-Atlantic and southcentral territory regional investment consultants with portfolio construction reports, promotion of her SAFe 6.0 Scrum Master and SAFe for Team certifications. She’s also working to finish her systems engineering master’s degree and mam engineering assistant at Interfaith America. Aloyis Kivirich is keeping in Philadelphia and working on an environmental science at SUNY College, Stony Brook. She is primarily consulting for commercial development. Kevin also spent time traveling around Ireland with her family and enjoys frequent visits from G’burg friends. Wishing everyone the best! I would love to hear from you, so please reach out!

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1. One year ago on campus, lots of memories shared by the Class of 1971!
2. Caitlin McCarthy ’09 and son Zachary (Caitlin’s hub is Sam Polifka ’10) — featuring their G’burg hats in Brooklyn.
4. Jen Honeyman Bridgman ’00, Jill McFarland Cradon ’00, Tracy Bergin DeCicco ’00, Lauren Merrill ’00, Stacey Ewing Boyd ’00, and Lu Burke Hayes ’00 met for a ladies weekend in March in Jamaica!
5. Pavia Giangreco ’24 attended the 75th Annual Directors Guild of America Awards in Beverly Hills in February.
6. Paul Raymond ’79 recently celebrated his 65th birthday by completing the full 140.6 Ironman Triathlon with his 33-year-old son, Patrick. It was a great father/son moment!
8. Claire (Maylor) Logue ’07 received a very prestigious award for her work in nursing.
9. Siobhan Rae McIlhenny ’16 graduated in January from King’s College London with a Master of Science with Merit (equivalent to cum laude) in climate change and environmental policy.
10. Denise Addington ’94 said, “Would you believe all 10 of us roommates that lived together in Constitution our senior year in ’94 are still the BEST of friends? We are now all 51.”
11. Left to right: Stephanie (Abruzzese) Casamore ’95, Arno (Bashler) Coleman ’95, Kim (Brown) Harnett ’95, Cristina (Segovia) Hamilton ’95, Kristen (Wetzel) Richards ’95, Jon (Gardella) Warner ’95, and Katherine (Laparce) Gressman ’95.
# IN MEMORIAM

**WILLIAM J. ALBRIGHT III**, Dec. 9, ’52
**ROBERT S. BOWERS**, Jan. 2, ’53
**JOHN E. ALLEN**, Oct. 1, 2021

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**ALPHA H. ALLEY**, Feb. 6, ’52
**PEGGY McALLISTER HAMMER**, Dec. 19, ’51

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**TOMASO GUALTIERI**, March 2, ’22
**JEFF B. WEBER**, April 22, ’22

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Danny Ziegler '21 of Ziggy Donutz shares life lessons he's learned from creating a great doughnut.

In March 2020, just months after returning home from a semester abroad in Seville, Spain, and weeks after I learned I would spend the rest of my spring semester at home in quarantine, I was forced to think outside the box. My family’s disc jockey and mobile entertainment business had come to a halt due to COVID-19. With lots of experience moving trucks and trailers, my father, John Ziegler, and I discussed starting a food truck—we just needed to figure out what type of food to serve.

On a cold and snowy morning, we pulled into “America’s favorite coffee and baked goods” chain to buy a dozen doughnuts. An employee told us that they didn’t have any because the truck didn’t make it to the shop that day. Other than grocery stores, this was the only place within 20-plus miles that offered doughnuts. At this moment, we knew exactly what food to serve on our food truck: Fresh. Hot. Doughnuts. We would not serve the everyday doughnuts found at grocery stores. We decided to offer a doughnut that’s different than anything around—a hot doughnut with an airy, cake-like texture that accommodates endless toppings and flavor combos. While we knew what product we would serve, it was time to do everything to launch the business, from marketing to establishing its physical operations. Here is where the Gettysburg Network really helped.

I used the knowledge acquired through my coursework for my computer science major and math and data science double minor at Gettysburg and created a more formalized business plan through the student life organization Gettysburg Entrepreneurial Thinkers. My experience working in the Office of Student Activities & Greek Life also gave me a head start in running social media accounts for my business. I even networked with Servo and Bullet Hole employees to learn more about hospitality and restaurant management, and I got the support I needed to complete my food manager certification.

The Gettysburg and surrounding communities provided unwavering support when we first opened the Ziggy Donutz food truck. This support has led me to uncover some of the most important characteristics of—and life lessons from—a great doughnut:

Freshness—Doughnuts have a short shelf life. To fully appreciate them, you need to consume them at their freshest. Similarly, fresh thinking fuels innovation, leading to revolutionary discoveries.

Volume—Freshness requires volume control. I started with a small batch that produced only 12 doughnuts. Over time, we have increased production, but we still handcraft and make each doughnut to order—one at a time. Start small. Remember to break your big goals into smaller, more reasonable achievements.

Visual Appeal—A great doughnut must look as good as it tastes— sprinkles, frosting, filling, and sugary coatings are all part of the package. Anytime you have an opportunity to present your ideas to others, think about how you can make them appealing to your audience.

Secret Spice—the right amount of spice creates an aroma and flavor that draws customers in and keeps them returning. Find your secret spice and learn to leverage it to be successful.

Variety—We offer more than a dozen glazes and toppings, which keeps our customers returning to try them all. Be open to learning about and trying new things so that you’re always expanding your base of knowledge.

The liberal arts and sciences education offered at Gettysburg College is well-rounded like a doughnut. Thanks to the problem solving, critical thinking, and adaptability skills I acquired at Gettysburg, I then opened the first Ziggy Donuts brick-and-mortar location in Hanover, Pennsylvania, in November 2022. While many bumps may come up in the road, just remember: Donut ever give up.
I admit those who know from an early age exactly what they want to be when they grow up. Though urged to pursue art in college—a painter since age 12—I intentionally chose not to, concerned that doing so would deprive my painting of its joy. Instead, I leaned into my love of animals, enrolling at the University of Delaware as an animal science major.

The summer between high school and college, I sang in a European choir and band tour led by Gettysburg College Emeritus Music Prof. Robert Zellner, with Gettysburg students as section leaders. I fell in love with one of them in the Alps, leading to many weekend commutes to Gettysburg. I, of course, then fell in love with the Gettysburg community and transferred the following year. With animal science not an option, I chose biology as my major. It turned out to be as similar to animal science as horseshoes are to running shoes.

My first course was Reproductive Biology with Prof. Ralph Sorenson, a harsh reality check that A-level work elsewhere earned C grades at Gettysburg. The following January, during J-Term, I took a figure drawing course with Prof. Ingolf Qually, spending all day in the studio sketching—and, surprise, I earned an A. Then I went back to the labs, struggling to hold on to C's.

I'm a firm believer God gives us signs. I suppose I wasn't paying attention.

Following graduation, I studied for one year at the Lutheran seminary. My faith deepened, even as life pointed me elsewhere. Meanwhile, I continued to paint for pleasure. In 1995, I was offered my first painting commission of an antique orchard barn. I found myself in a pasture, sketchbook in hand, wearing jeans and a T-shirt, being paid to do something I truly enjoyed, and thought, “Oh, so this is what work can feel like!” I relocated to Cape Cod in 1997 to pursue an art career, drawn to the water and skies.

There have been times I worried I wasted my college years—perhaps I should have been an art major from the start. I now know the more circuitous route formed me into who I am today. As President Emeritus Charles Glassick said, the strength and joy of a liberal arts education is that it teaches one critical thinking skills, ever more adaptive to new ventures. And so it did.

I have so many Gettysburgians to thank. To name just a few, I thank Prof. Zellner for leading the music tour, the band member who introduced me to campus, Prof. Qually for encouraging my drawing skills, Emeritus Chemistry Prof. Alex Rowland for his patience as I struggled through organic chemistry so I could graduate, and Rev. Karl Mattson for introducing me to Christian mission work when I was invited to spend a night helping staff a Washington, D.C., homeless shelter.

That J-Term art class took place in the basement of Christ Chapel. My Lutheran faith, nurtured there as a member of the Chapel Choir, led me to a now 20-year gig as Minister of Music at Christ Lutheran Church in Falmouth, Massachusetts. Thank you also to Emeritus Music Prof. Dexter Weikel and Emeritus Music Prof. Michael Matsik博士.

It's been suggested the Battle of Gettysburg happened here because of a convergence of roads into town. For me, so many parts of my life began in Gettysburg, leading out in multiple directions through a variety of intriguing opportunities. No straight lines. Rather, a myriad of intricately interwoven threads of people and experiences contributed to being the artist, writer, and church musician I am today.
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