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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.





*AREAS
OF FOCUS*

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.

“THE GETTYSBURG APPROACH TURNS FOUR YEARS OF COLLEGE INTO A LIFELONG ASSET FOR EVERY STUDENT, REGARDLESS OF THEIR BACKGROUND OR INTERESTS. TECHNICAL EXPERTISE IS CONSTANTLY EVOLVING, BUT THE EXPERIENCES AND HABITS OF MIND ENCOURAGED BY AN EDUCATION IN THE LIBERAL ARTS AND SCIENCES WILL REAP DIVIDENDS OVER A LIFETIME.”

— Timothy J. Shannon
Professor of History

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

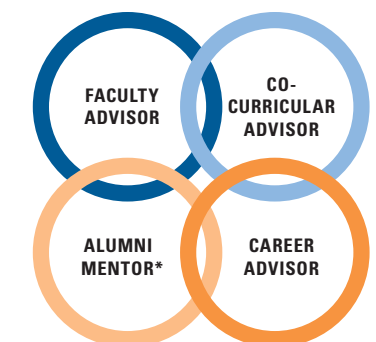
A key component of our education is to help students apply what they learn inside and outside of the classroom. This work is essential to ensure that our students are prepared to graduate into careers and communities in which they will be required to lead, adapt, and make sense of a rapidly changing 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.
- **STRENGTHENING 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.
- **STRENGTHENING 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.

PERSONAL ADVISING TEAMS



*sophomore year



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.

4. 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. Today's world needs the leaders and citizens we produce.

▪ **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.

"DURING MY YEARS AT GETTYSBURG, WE SPENT A LOT OF TIME HAVING TO PRESENT. I REALIZED WHEN I GOT INTO MY MASTER'S PROGRAM THAT THIS SKILL WAS SO IMPORTANT. I WAS FAR MORE COMFORTABLE PRESENTING MY RESEARCH THAN MY PEERS. COMMUNICATION IS A SKILL THAT I GAINED AT GETTYSBURG COLLEGE, AND I HAVE BEEN ABLE TO BUILD ON IT THROUGHOUT MY CAREER."

— Fergan Imbert '16

Ph.D. Candidate, Neurovirology
Temple University – Lewis Katz School
of Medicine



OUR WORK AHEAD STARTS WITH LIVING OUR PROMISE.

The four key areas of focus—a world-class education, a transformational student experience, a commitment to the whole person, and a renewed plan for institutional effectiveness—will serve as the road map for our priorities in the years ahead and help us to attract the most talented students to our campus.

*Learn more about Living Our Promise:
The Strategic Direction for Gettysburg College at
www.gettysburg.edu/strategicdirection.*



UPFRONT

On April 5-6, the Gettysburgives 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), unlocking \$18,320 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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How The Impossible Becomes Possible

For teams of one to 100, success is contingent upon the growth of both the individual and the collective.

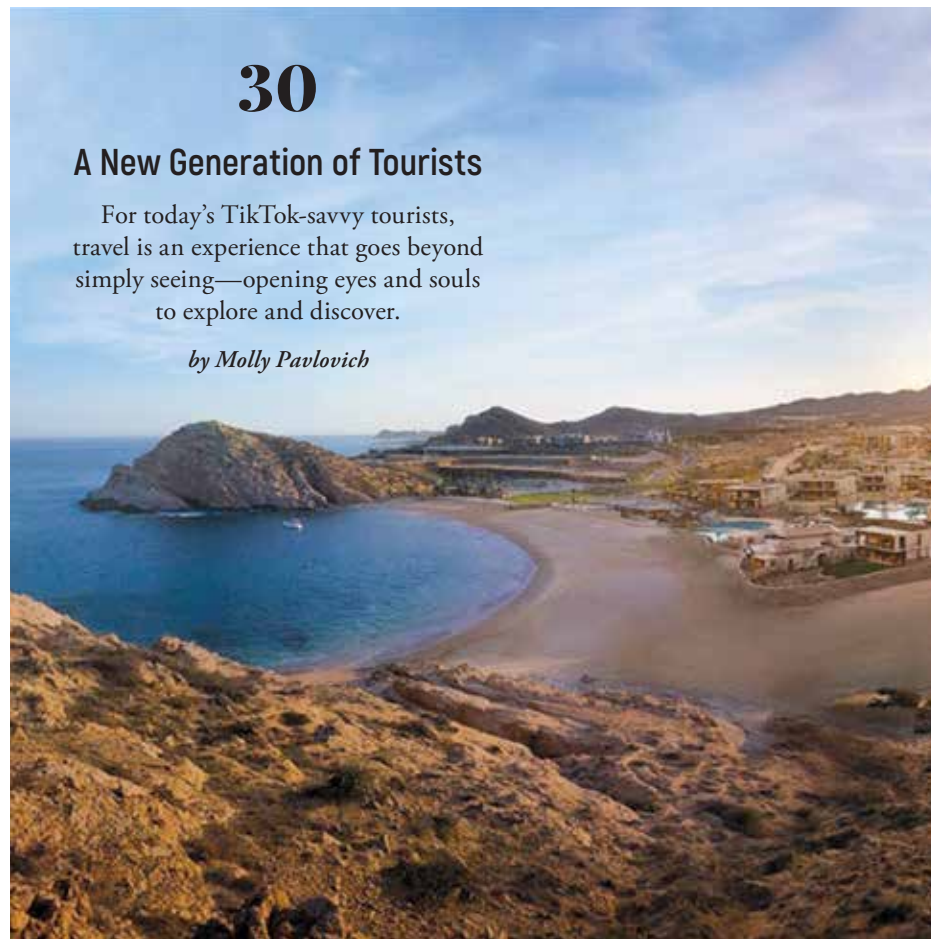
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A GETTYSBURG COLLEGE EDUCATION IS PERSONAL AND LIFELONG.

During our Reunion Weekend in June, more than 1,200 alumni spanning nearly 60 class years returned to campus to celebrate the past and ambitiously look to the future. One such alumna was **Evelyn Fluck Babylon**, a proud member of the Class of 1948. She was honored at our annual Reunion Collation and it was clear that Evelyn's passion for her alma mater is as fervent as ever, even 75 years after her graduation day!

The collective energy and enthusiasm shown throughout the weekend was inspiring. It serves as a testament to our shared commitment to Gettysburg College's mission and continued success. It also underscores that our College is more than a place to learn and grow over the course of four years. The connections our students form to the College and to each other are enduring.

Indeed, it's what drives us to show up for one another, now and always.

As Gettysburgians, we have a responsibility to show up for today's students and prepare them to navigate a world that is bound to look dramatically different than the one many of us stepped into when we graduated. With a changing climate, the 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* (www.gettysburg.edu/strategicdirection) we have identified Four Areas of Focus to guide the institution's decision-making and priorities in the years ahead. Importantly, these areas build upon our College's greatest strengths and will position us to deliver on our promise of A Consequential Education for generations of Gettysburg students.

Our Four Areas of Focus are:

1. Academic Excellence
2. A Transformational and Integrated Student Experience
3. A Culture of Belonging and Wellness
4. Institutional Effectiveness

An intentional, community-wide focus on any one of these initiatives would shape our institution in profound ways. Yet, 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.

In the words of my predecessor, **Milton Valentine**, a Class of 1850 alumnus and former president of Gettysburg College, "Our work lies invitingly before us."

Sincerely,



Bob Iuliano
President

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INAUGURAL MASTER'S COMMENCEMENT

by Megan Miller

On 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 each 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 bringing them to this special milestone.

"As our newest members of the alumni community, you are now part of an expansive and supportive network that will no doubt Do Great Work, and will help others to Do Great Work, in countless ways for years to come," said Associate Vice President for College Advancement **Betsy Duncan Diehl '84, P'14**.

"You are all Gettysburgians for life," Iuliano added. "We look forward to partnering with each of you to bring this bright future to fruition."

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

In 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!"

 Caitlin Garry '98

"I was yelling at the screen: Gettysburg! GETTYSBURG!!!! 🤩"

 Maria Costa P'19

IMPACTFUL INDIVIDUALS

As 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 Club. He not only increased my already significant interest in history, but also helped hone my analytical abilities. Even after college, he provided career advice when I found myself at a crossroads."

 Jonathan Bloom '89

"[Anthropology Profs.] **Ben Luley** and **Kirby Farah**'s classes were always ones I looked forward to participating in, and furthermore, I regret only having a single philosophy class with [Philosophy Prof.] **Steve Gimbel**. Truly irreplaceable experiences."

 Alexi Hawkins '22

Turn to page 17 to read highlights from this year's alumni survey, including more faculty, staff, and administrators who have made a difference.

THE 'REAL DEAL'

Gettysburg 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 Burgburst, 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 Kishpaugh '80

"🔥🔥🔥 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 communities on social media. Please join us in thanking them for their support and advocacy.

Noel Baumann '92 Bruce Beyer '75 Mary Folkemer '68
William Schiff '73 Al Wilkins '06

To take part in these online conversations, find and follow Gettysburg College on your favorite social media platform.

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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 INSTILL A "SENSE OF COMMITMENT TO THE COMMON GOOD."

Philosophy Prof. Steve Gimbel and Gwydion Suilebhan, 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 BREADTH 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.



In The Globe and Mail, History **Prof. Michael Birkner '72, 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.



This spring, the new Gettysburg Beyond the Battle Museum opened its doors to visitors, and 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.

"Beyond the Battle will push the boundaries of a traditional museum experience to deliver a new perspective of the fight," Dalton 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."



NEWS



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ALUMNI AWARDS

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

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

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

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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, overseeing a broad range of domestic and international legal, regulatory, and policy matters.



Jeffrey C. Oak '81, EXECUTIVE VICE CHAIR Oak is Vistage 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.

ALUMNI

ALUMNI AWARDS



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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 Court of Common Pleas President Judge and Drug Court founder **David L. Ashworth '77, P'06**; President of U.S. Networks Distribution at Paramount Global (formerly Viacom/CBS) **Ray M. Hopkins '87**;

St. Peter's Lutheran Church Jazz Pastor Emeritus The Rev. **Dale R. Lind '60**; 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. Cannon '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 '15**, and **James P. Russell '08** received Young Alumni Achievement Awards. **Helen-Ann (Souder) Comstock '54**, who founded the Association for Frontotemporal Dementias (AFTD) in 2002, was also presented with a 2020 Distinguished Alumni Award.



ON CAMPUS

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 participants in 40 countries, AASHE's STARS program is the most widely recognized framework in the world for publicly reporting comprehensive information related to a college or university's sustainability performance in the areas of academics, engagement, operations, planning and administration, and innovation and leadership.



FACULTY

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 department 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.



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ATHLETICS

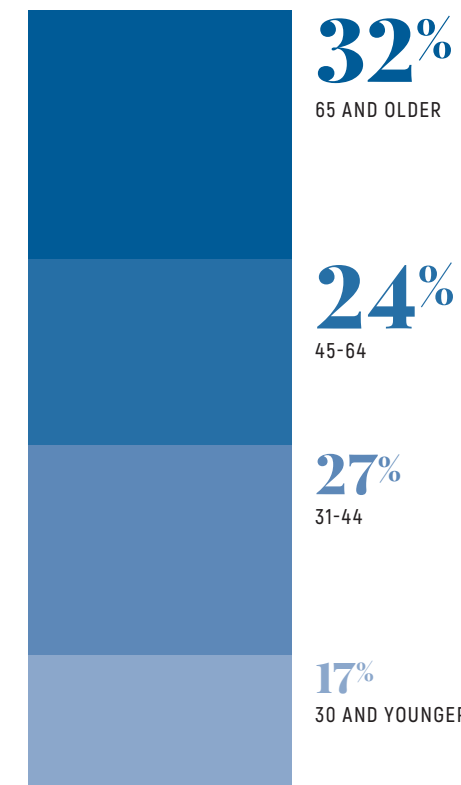
SPORTS ROUNDUP

The winter and spring sports seasons saw memorable moments. The women's basketball team claimed its second consecutive and fourth overall Centennial Conference championship, advancing to the NCAA Division III Tournament for the fifth straight season. Wrestler **Luke Kowalski '24** became the first All-American on the mat since 2016 with a seventh-place finish at the national championship. The women's swimming program also sent six representatives to NCAAs, marking the first national trip for the women's program since 2008. In the spring, women's golf claimed its 11th conference title and advanced to nationals for the seventh time. Men's and women's lacrosse both once again made deep postseason runs, including a fifth appearance in the national title game for the women's program. **Holly Ferrara '24** made a return trip to the outdoor track and field championship, earning All-America honors for the second straight year with her fifth-place finish in the javelin to become the first to earn two All-America honors in the sport since 1995. In all, 20 teams made postseason runs, 91 individuals were honored as all-conference players, and 13 were named All-Americans in their sports.

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



TOP TWO ACTIVITIES OF IMPORTANCE FOR ALUMNI

- IDENTIFY JOB OPPORTUNITIES FOR GRADUATES
- PROVIDE EXTERNSHIPS (JOB SHADOWING) AND/OR INTERNSHIPS

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 GLATFELTER
- HISTORY PROF. MICHAEL BIRKNER '72, P'10
- 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?

71%
—
Financial support for students (financial aid, scholarships)

70%
—
Financial support for student programs and faculty resources

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 Bullet Hole 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 enduring skills they gain at Gettysburg to be successful in future endeavors.

We also believe supervisors are educators. Through their collaboration and partnership, our students have been able to learn how to use new technologies to enhance the student experience, create and present programs to engage their peers, propose new initiatives to make the College a better place, lead their peers to initiate change, and so much more. Our student employees and supervisors truly make Gettysburg great!



Timothy Funk '00

Chemistry chair and professor

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.



Brent Hege '98

*Senior lecturer in religion and Center for Faith
and Vocation scholar-in-residence, Butler Univ.*

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 us and our world, so to believe (in) something is a sacred invitation and responsibility we should not take lightly.



Susan Fumagalli Mahoney

*Senior associate director of athletics
and compliance officer*

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. A team of doctors, family, and friends believed that an answer would be found for me. It allowed my heart to hold onto hope during life's most difficult times.

While I might not have realized it then, swimming and running taught me how to persevere, which gave me strength I never knew I had—until I needed it most. When you believe in someone, it can change their future. The steps I am taking now are because everyone around me, especially my medical team, believed in my tomorrows.



Miranda Zamora '23

*Former Student Senate president,
political science major, Spanish minor*

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 change.

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.

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REX YIN '14 HELPS PHILADELPHIA'S YOUNGEST LEARNERS THRIVE

by Katelyn Silva



For *Raksmeymony (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 students 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 to 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, underserved, 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 equitably 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 emphatic that one must understand and embed themselves within them. Yin, who was involved with the Center for Public Service (CPS) all four years at Gettysburg, goes above and beyond

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 LGBTQIA+ 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,” Yin said. “It’s very easy to be in a position that serves others while being far removed from the people you’re meant to serve.”

“What mark am I leaving—not just for myself, but for my family and the Cambodian community?”

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




Rex Yin '14 reads “Llama Llama Red Pajama” to his former preschool classroom as part of the preschool’s Fall Pajama Day.

Executive Program in Social Impact Strategy. Through all this hard work, following in his parents’ footsteps, he still gets at least seven hours of sleep nightly, 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

BRIAN PUMPHREY '98

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 PROFOUND 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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For today's TikTok-savvy tourists, travel is an experience that goes beyond simply seeing—opening eyes and souls to explore and discover.

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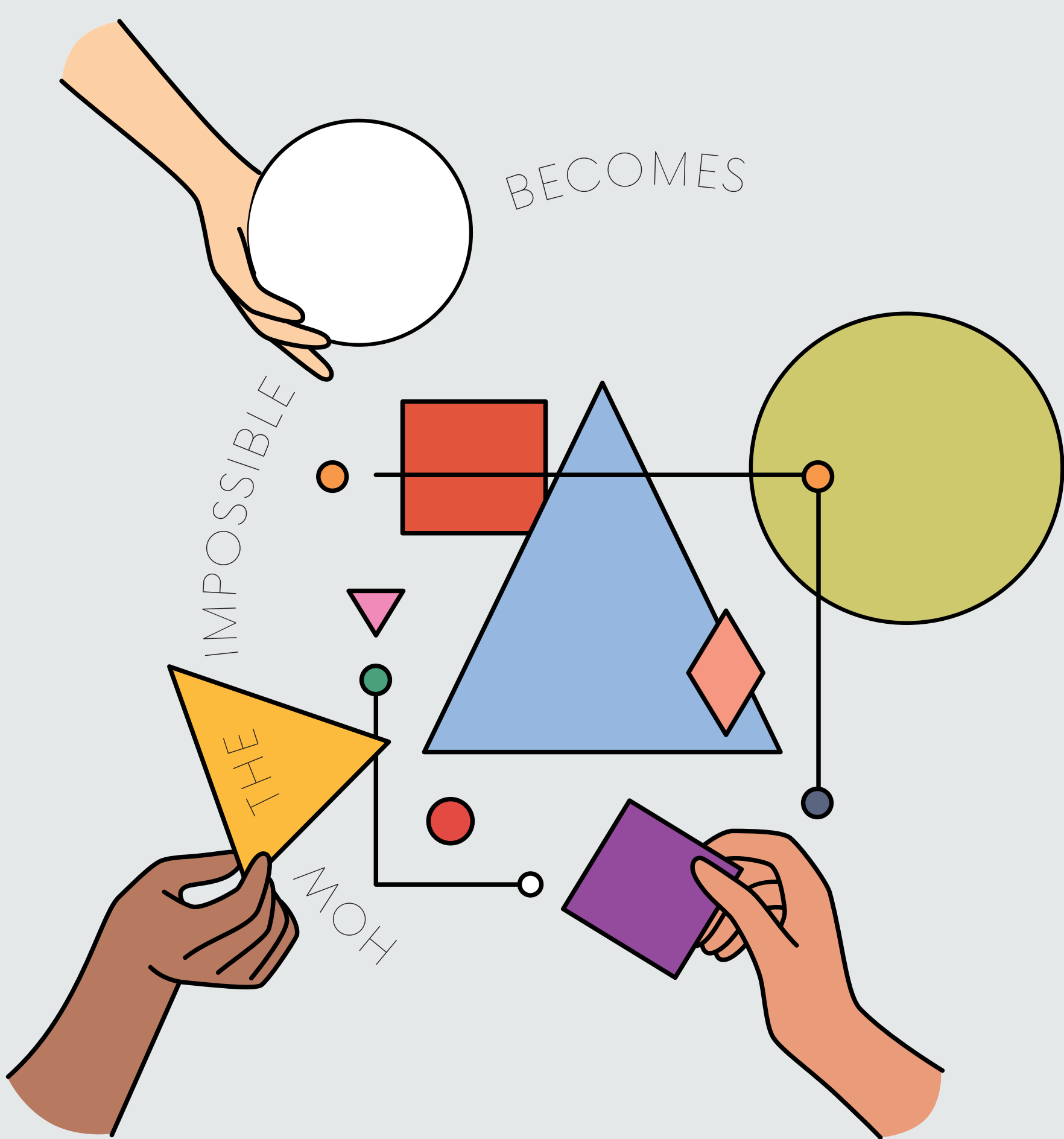
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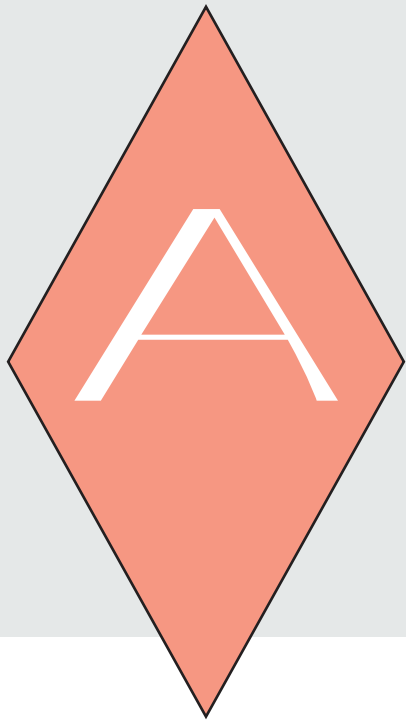
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POSSIBLE

*For teams of one to 100,
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by Katelyn Silva



The ancient Greek philosopher Aristotle is often attributed to the proverb, “The whole is greater than the sum of its parts.” In contemporary philosophy, this notion lives within the concept of emergence, in which a new entity emerges when its parts coalesce.

“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 Jewish Studies and Interdisciplinary Studies **Prof. Stephen Stern** and former Gettysburg College basketball forward **Wil 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 located outside the brain in its arms. The arms literally think for themselves and operate independently. But for the octopus to survive, they have to serve a common purpose as they independently figure out the best way for them to do their jobs.”

“Team members do not surrender their independence, identity, or ability to think for themselves,” Gimbel continued, “but, rather, figure out the best way to use their resources to serve the team’s goal.”

Sunderman Conservatory of Music Director of Bands and **Prof. Russell McCutcheon** witnesses this concept in action every day.

“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.”

When teams’ neurons fire on all cylinders, their success culminates in growth for both the individual and for the collective. For members of the Gettysburg College community, teamwork means showing up—showing up in a consistent way for oneself and for one another, all for something bigger than themselves.

DRAWING CONNECTIONS, BUILDING COMMUNITY

For **Jaclynn Cross ’10**, education and events project manager at the U.S. Green Building Council, a nonprofit based in Washington, D.C., and managing partner at Bogues Group, a Black female-owned communications and events agency, teamwork is all about community.

“The word teamwork makes me recall the proverb: ‘If you want to go fast, go alone. If you want to go far, go together.’ This speaks to the power of community and a collective effort toward a common goal,” said Cross. “To me, teamwork is synonymous with 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.”

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.”

Carrie 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.

“TEAMWORK IS SYNONYMOUS WITH COMMUNITY.”

Jaclynn Cross ’10

“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 not only get done, but they also get done well.”

Within the Cross-Disciplinary Science Institute at Gettysburg College, working together is at the heart of its ethos to answer science’s most pressing questions across multiple disciplines. The program was “built to be based around community,” preparing students to be research-ready, research-active, and research-connected, said X-SIG Coordinator and Physics **Prof. Kurt Andresen**.

“The research-connected part is based on the idea that X-SIG is not just a research program but a community of researchers,” Andresen explained. “We had research here at Gettysburg well before X-SIG, but it was a bunch of individual professors doing research with their students, completely disconnected from one another. X-SIG breaks down those barriers and encourages people to connect with one another.”

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.

“It makes the projects better and pushes the research further,” he said.

GAINING KNOWLEDGE, SHARING WISDOM

Being part of a team—no matter the size—is an avenue to gain, exhibit, and share knowledge. **Laura de Matos Leal ’25**, an economics and political science major, believes that the College provides the ideal environment for personal and professional development through small group learning, collaboration with professors and peers, and co-curricular activities.

“Something Gettysburg does really well is provide a safe and supportive community for students to develop themselves,” said Leal, an international student ambassador for the Office of Admissions and a residential assistant.

“Given the small class sizes, we are often expected and encouraged to participate in debates, listen to diverse perspectives, and challenge our beliefs. In co-curriculars, students are given autonomy and trust to lead impactful projects on campus and grow as individuals, team members, and leaders.”

When Gettysburg Baseball **Coach Cory Beddick ’10** was a student, he played baseball, was an intramural supervisor for Campus Recreation, and held leadership roles in his fraternity, Sigma Alpha Epsilon. With his well-rounded experience, the political science major and history minor was able to “get outside of [his] comfort zone and develop positive leadership and communication skills.”

“I was challenged to speak, write, work in groups, and give presentations. This allowed me to become more comfortable communicating effectively in many different ways, specifically in front of larger groups of people. This [experience], and being a member of the baseball team and other groups on campus, helped me to develop into a strong coach and leader of a team,” he said.

For **Rachel Fry ’15**, the sole human resources representative at Philadelphia-based tech startup EverWash, it’s essential to understand that teamwork can be learned—and Gettysburg College was the ideal place for her to do that.

“There are so many opportunities for growth and collaboration,” said Fry, an economics and history double major and business minor. “You can be a part of the Eisenhower Institute, join the Garthwait Leadership Center (GLC), do intramurals, work different jobs, and join multiple affinity groups. You’re never pigeonholed into one thing. You can be a part of so many different kinds of teams with diverse people of different backgrounds who are all working to achieve something together. That skill set is transferrable to so many different areas of post-grad success.”

With Gettysburg’s consequential education, students truly understand how diverse perspectives produce a richer human experience.

“TEAMWORK FORCES YOU TO GROW BECAUSE YOU’RE GOING TO GET PUSHED BY YOUR TEAMMATES TO BE BETTER.”

Coach Maurice “Moe” Banks

“Being a good team player means knowing how to work respectfully with people from different backgrounds and displaying exemplary leadership. Gettysburg prepares me to do just that,” said Leal, who also serves as the diversity, equity, and inclusion director for her sorority, Alpha Omicron Pi.

When Gettysburg Football **Coach Maurice “Moe” Banks** played abroad in Italy, Austria, and Brazil, he had to learn to work well across language barriers and cultural differences—an integral piece of a successful team he imparts to his current players.

“No matter what team you are on, at home or abroad, there are going to be times when what you believe is the right thing for you may not be the right thing for the team,” he explained. “On the Bullets football team, we practice having difficult conversations so that we can build a sense of unity among individuals. Teamwork forces you to grow because you’re going to get pushed by your teammates to be better.”

From finding strengths working through challenges for Banks to making scientific discoveries by merging expertise for Andresen, 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.”

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INSTILLING PASSION, REMAINING RESILIENT

Surrounded by history and opportunity, Gettysburg, Pennsylvania, inspires the College community to build in each other the ambition to improve the world in their own ways. Through programs like the GLC, students and alumni—like Fry and *Neil Bryant '82*, the vice president for leadership development at Carestream Health—recognize their potential as leaders and their responsibility to serve.

“At Carestream Health, we focus on building great leaders and helping people become the best professional version of themselves so that they can contribute to their functional teams and

the organization overall,” said Bryant, a volunteer with the GLC since its inception. “Through all GLC programs, specifically one dedicated to young alumni skills-based coaching, we teach how to become coaches and coach-like, which enables team members to reach the full potential of their personal performance and contribution to their workplaces. This form of leadership invites and creates followership.”

At the core of all team performance is emotional intelligence, Bryant added.

“Effective teams and their leaders require mastery of many competencies, including conflict resolution, strategic thinking, problem-solving, inclusivity, stakeholder management, and effective communication, but at the core is this notion of emotional intelligence,” he said. “A person with high emotional intelligence understands who they are and who others are and can navigate their interactions effectively. Great leaders move teams by successfully blending their members’ skills to accomplish something.”

Stephen Fireoved '76, a former Navy captain and attorney who is also a GLC mentor and professional coach, echoes that sentiment. A team leader can set goals and objectives, but the buy-in comes from passion.

“They make the mission clear and inspire people to buy into that mission and get passionate about it,” Fireoved said.

“Good leaders solicit input, delegate well, and make sure every team member feels important and part of the team.”


“I am a big believer that as a leader and a 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.

Growth through teamwork also often means being a little uncomfortable, according to *Paul Thallner '89*, author of “Reinventing Resilience: How Organizations Move Beyond Setbacks

to Grow Through Challenges.” He’s a current principal at Daggerwing Group who advises senior executives on being highly effective leaders and team members.

“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.” 

360 DEGREES OF ADVISING

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.

Every student who participates in the Guided Pathways will be supported by their own Personal Advising Team, ensuring students receive 360 degrees of advising in all facets of their college experience. Their team will include:

- A faculty advisor, who will help evaluate academic program selections,
- A co-curricular advisor, who will offer guidance to pursue on-campus activities, and
- A career advisor, who will provide opportunities for continuous reflection to connect the skills they gain to tangible outcomes.

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.

Learn more at www.gettysburg.edu/gettysburgapproach.

A new generation of tourists

FOR MANY, THE TOWN OF GETTYSBURG IS A TOP TRAVEL DESTINATION. EVERY YEAR, MILLIONS MAKE THE TRIP—EACH SEEKING AND FINDING SOMETHING WORTH DISCOVERING.

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.

“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.

BELOW Each year, nearly 1 million visitors explore Gettysburg National Military Park, according to National Park Service estimates. Pictured is Joel Cymerman '16 on the battlefield.



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

by Molly Pavlovich

The evolution of tourism

“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.

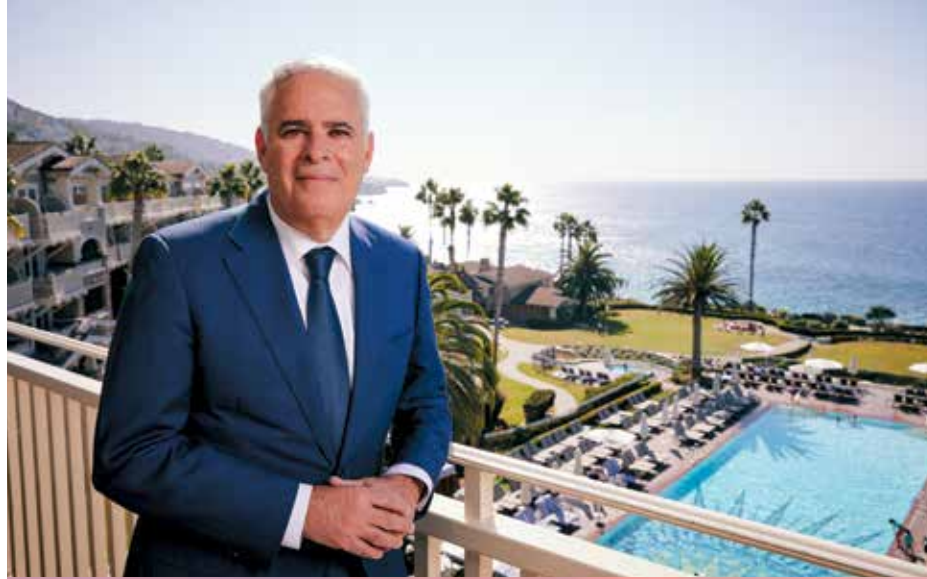
“Twenty-some years ago, traditional luxury was, in my opinion, too pretentious and formal, and I was of the belief that the next generation of luxury travelers was looking for a much more humble and gracious approach to luxury,” Fuerstman said. “Consumers today are looking for more than just pampering. 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 area'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



“They want to go beyond the seeing—they want to engage and discover.”



Joel Cymerman '16



OPPOSITE PAGE: TOP Alan Fuerstman '78 at Montage Laguna Beach MIDDLE David Zapata '94 in Mauritania BOTTOM Melissa Curtin '96 THIS PAGE Nicole Farina '18 updates her followers.

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'll see proof of 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 '18** 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



Photo courtesy of Loréal Paris

Greetings of

“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 unflin-



TOP Rachel Rutter '11 at Commencement with two El Centro kids: Allyson Sanchez Mercado (left) and Genesis Mercedes Ortiz



ABOVE Rachel Rutter on campus in 2010 with El Centro kids: Genesis Mercedes Ortiz (right) and Allyson Sanchez Mercado (center)

BELOW Rachel Rutter at a chorus concert for several El Centro kids: Leidi Martinez Hinojosa (left), Allyson Sanchez Mercado (second from right), and Genesis Mercedes Ortiz (right)





ABOVE Project Libertad Newcomer Support Program Coordinator Lauren Dunoff (left), Board President Rogelio Ayllon (center), and Executive Director Rachel Rutter (right) **OPPOSITE PAGE** Rachel Rutter '11 gazes at hand-illustrated cards welcoming immigrant children to the United States. Photos courtesy of L'Oréal Paris.

grit to her experience at Gettysburg College, where she drew connections between the knowledge she gained in the classroom, the experience she acquired through her co-curricular activities, and her aspirations for her career. Studying with Emeritus Spanish **Prof. Kerr Thompson** and Emeritus English **Prof. Leonard Goldberg** strengthened her communication and analytical skills and gave her invaluable mentorship.

“The paradox about Rachel is that she’s absolutely individualistic and altogether selfless,” said Goldberg. “She has as clear a sense as anyone I know of how to gather the kind of experiences and perspectives that would allow her to make a massive difference in other people’s lives. She wanted, as a student, to explore in depth everything she was passionate about. Yet, she was also laying—through the equivalent of an academic five-year plan, and through the enormous amount of time and energy she committed to service—the foundation that has led up to Project Libertad.”

With Rutter’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. Then 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 stories.

“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.

While their post-graduation lives took them on separate but somewhat parallel paths with volunteer organizations—

Knight participated in Brethren Volunteer Service in Texas while Rutter joined the Peace Corps—their Gettysburg connection dovetailed with their careers.

“In 2018, when my husband and I decided to move back to Pennsylvania, I became interested in what my Gettysburg friends were doing. I looked up Rachel in a moment of curiosity, discovering that she had founded Project Libertad,” Knight explained. “Before thinking too much, I sent her a very long email detailing my history from the past years and expressing a desire to reconnect and possibly volunteer with the organization. I had especially been horrified by what was happening with governmental policies related to immigration, and I said in that email to Rachel, ‘I feel like I need to do something.’”

Since joining Project Libertad as a case manager in October 2022, Knight has appreciated the impact that Rutter has made on the lives of the children Project Libertad supports and her own life.

“Our Gettysburg connection and the commonalities we share from that era make us uniquely suited to team up on this work,” Knight said. “In this field, the stories of childhood trauma and frustration with government bureaucracy are numerous and at times heartbreaking. We get angry together or we learn from a particular mistake, and it feels like we are fighting the good fight.”

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.” **G**

VISIT [PROJECTLIBERTAD.ORG](https://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 in him the drive to teach the next generation of thinkers.

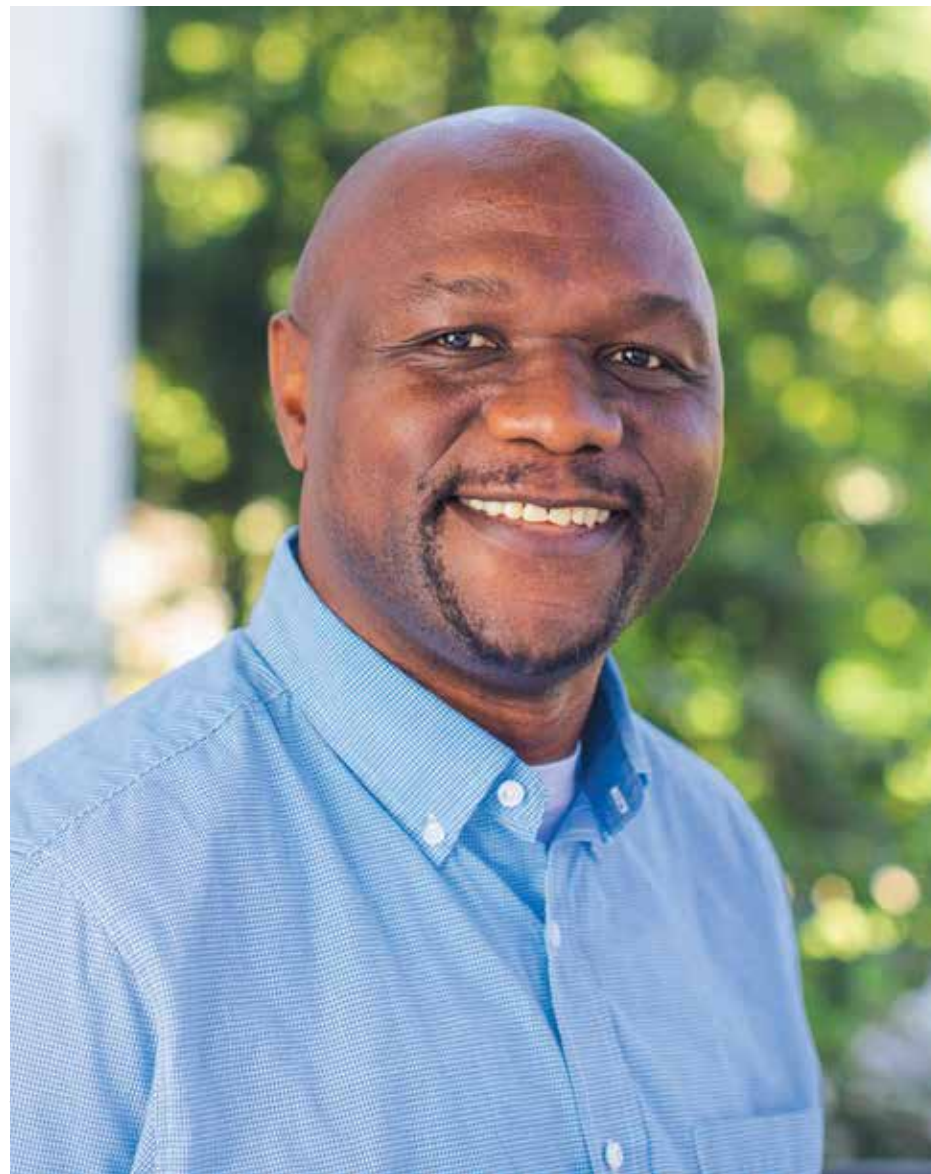
“In my first-ever economics class in high school, our teacher explained the international commodity market crisis of the 1970s as a demand and supply issue. I began to understand how events thousands of miles from home could have deep impacts on our lives. My interest in economics was born—and I never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

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

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

In 1999, Nyiwul received his Bachelor of Science from the University of Buea in Cameroon, where he served as a peer tutor.

“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. “So, 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.”



ABOVE Prof. Nyiwul in Frederick, Maryland, with his daughters Njang and Muso. All photographs (except headshot at left) courtesy of Prof. Linus Mabughi Nyiwul

Nyiwul, whose 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.



Prof. Nyiwul (center) with his wife, Tania (left) and family friend Virginia Ehabil (right)

“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 while teaching part 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.



Prof. Nyiwul teaches a class in the spring of 2023. Photo by Jason Minick.

“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.”

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countries lived in

13+
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countries visited

14
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years teaching at Gettysburg College

36+
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statistics classes taught

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verified peer reviews

MAKING MOVIE MAGIC IN GETTYSBURG

WHERE THE PEOPLE MAKE THE PLACE

by Corey Jewart

“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 racial 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.



TOP Former Gettysburg head athletic trainer Gareth V. “Lefty” Biser ’57 with T.C. Williams coach Herman Boone.
BOTTOM A scene from the movie “Birch Interval” depicting Brua Hall as the state mental hospital.

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 Hartman ’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 adversity. Those stories, however, are built around its people—each scene a reminder of the connections that make the place. **G**



TOP John Littlefield squares off with Santosh Nandabalan ’12 during filming for an episode of “Extreme Makeover: Home Edition.” **LEFT** David Hartman ’72 with Biology Prof. Emeritus Ralph Cavaliere in the late 1960s.
ABOVE RIGHT A packed crowd inside Bream Gym watches a scene from “1000 to 1: The Cory Weissman Story.”

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.

CANDIDATES FOR HONORARY DEGREES

DEADLINE: NOVEMBER 1, 2023, FOR 2025 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.

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 717-337-6522.

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 alumni@gettysburg.edu or 717-337-6518.

CLASS NOTES

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Al Gregson Comery wrote 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 weather 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** keeps fit by going to water aerobics every day. She had a great 90th birthday party. Even though it snowed, 35 people braved the weather to help celebrate. I am sad to report that several classmates have died. **Jane Drennen Ortel** of Wakefield, RI, was the first woman president of the Gettysburg

Student Christian Association while at the College. After graduation, she remained close friends with her Delta Gamma sorority sisters. Jane and her husband, Wade, spent two years in Alaska, where her 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. Krick** of Peoria, 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 Holley** 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 Homewood at Plum Creek in Hanover, Barb was an active volunteer in many areas, including in Homewood's library. Barb is survived by several cousins.

Walter Rentschler 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. **Jacquelyn 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** finally received her Distinguished Alumni Award from 2020 at Reunion Weekend this year! Congratulations, Helen-Ann!

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As April concludes, the Northeast has experienced a four-day-long cloud cover that has brought mucho soaking rains. Later in the summer, we'll probably be begging for some of it for our gardens and farms. My good spouse, Elaine (Bonnett) '58, and her class are planning to gather at the College in June for their 65th Reunion—a hearty bunch to be sure! Elaine and I are also pleased that our oldest daughter, Irene Wrenner, won a VT state senate seat last November. She easily won the primary, and then edged a two-term incumbent, 45-42. Serving 17 years in local politics in Essex, VT, was probably the key to her victory, and her “ticket” to Montpelier. On the somber side, we lost two of our classmates recently. **Edwin R. Spicer** passed away on March 25 at his home in FL. After serving in the U.S. Air Force as a captain, he returned home and supported the family as an insurance and financial advisor. An avid outdoorsman, he loved to travel the country in his RV. Ed was a talented metals sculptor, woodturner, and woodworker, and a member of the Gulf Coast Woodturners Association. He is survived by Naomi, his beloved wife of 67 years; daughters Kimberly and Delia; five grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren. **John R. Stoner** died earlier in March in Chambersburg, PA. After graduation, John served in the U.S. Army as a radar officer (first lieutenant) at a guided missile station, Fort Bliss, Texas. He returned and settled in Bedford, PA, to the family dairy farm of 238 acres. John received a host of honors from dairy and civic associations. He served on the boards of the Tuscarora School District and of the First National Bank in Mercersburg, PA. John and his wife, Elizabeth (Meyer) '57, traveled the country to bank conventions at the state and national levels. He was a member of St. Stephen's Lutheran Church in Upton, PA, where he served on the church council for many years. John was instrumental in improving the community's agricultural and conservation efforts. In

addition to Beth, his wife of almost 65 years, John is survived by five children, Julie, Kathy, Laurie, Alan, and Mark; 12 grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren. Our condolences go out to the families of our classmates.

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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. It was a total “gut” project and they had to work on rehabbing 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 all that hard work was worth it—they have a water view and are neighbors to their younger son and his family. She welcomes notes from old friends at jeanne@theoldbank.net. Sadly, since the last column, that “ever-flowing stream” approached a flood. I have received obituaries for the following: **Elissa Langaunet Fisher** died on Nov. 4, 2022. An educator all her life, Elissa 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. Elissa is survived by a son, a daughter, and four grandchildren. **Grace Wagner Mobler** died Nov. 13, 2022, at the Lehigh Valley Hospice. She is survived by her husband of nearly 65 years,

Richard; three sons; and nine grandchildren. **Stephen C. Koffler** died Dec. 18, 2022, in Newport Beach, CA. Steve attended medical school in Iowa and completed his training in Los Angeles, where he specialized in pediatrics. He is survived by his wife of 64 years, Lynne; a son; a daughter; and four grandchildren. **Ann Fortenbaugh 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, Ruthe '50. She is survived by a son, a daughter (Susan '83), and six grandchildren. **Mary Ann Sulzer Rhodes** died Dec. 23, 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 at 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 Moyer 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 predeceased by her husband Bill; she is survived by two daughters, a son, six grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren. **Winifred “Winnie” Shearer Kost** died on Feb. 20. A member of Chi Omega, Winnie went on to receive her medical degree from UPenn Medical School (now the Perelman School of Medicine at the U of PA), one of a few women to achieve that honor. She married fellow classmate **Lewis Kost** in 1959 and maintained a solo family medical practice for 25 years before retiring to MT and FL. Winnie is predeceased by her husband and survived by three daughters, nine grandchildren, and one great-grandchild. **Robert E. Sichel** died on March 8. Bob was a member of SAE and ROTC. He retired as a captain after serving nine years in the Reserves. Bob was a successful businessman, owning and operating Sichel's Shopping Center in Woodbury, NJ. Bob was predeceased by his wife, Peggy; two daughters; three sons; nine

grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren. We extend our sympathy to the families of these classmates. I apologize for the brevity of these notices. Due to space limitations, we couldn't print full-length obituaries, but if you would like to read them, please contact me.

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At the time of writing this column, I plan to attend Reunion in June and have heard that **Rich Brunner** and **Bob Barkley** will be there along with many more. I spoke with **Dee Lohne Brooks**, who enjoys living in a senior home where she and her husband Jack are the undisputed “bridge champs.” I missed an opportunity to visit with **Bitsy Owens Schraivesande** and Art as they were returning to PA from FL via Fredericksburg, VA. **Lyn Deloca Dimmig** called; she enjoys a busy life in a senior home in Landsdale, PA. She shared that **Didi Larkin Beebe** passed away in Oct. 2022. Other members of our class who are no longer with us include **Robert Gladney**, from York, PA, who continued his love of history by reading and traveling with family. **Joe Gonzalez** passed away at the end of April. **Ronald Fink** also succumbed to cancer in April. After serving in the U.S. Army and obtaining several graduate degrees, Ron worked in finance and business management, and he served on several boards, including the Board of Fellows of Gettysburg College. **Margie Schuler** passed. She was usually in the courts for Homecoming, May Day Court, and IFC. She had a successful career sharing her artistic talent by capturing the beauty of Tuscan villages and Maine coastal areas. **Rich Brunner** and **Ellen Billheimer Yarborough** both mentioned seeing Margie in Maine over the years. **Jeanette Woodrow Biehl-Wickman** passed away in Cumming, GA. She taught French and raised two boys with her husband Harry. They enjoyed boating, golfing, skiing, and traveling throughout the world. After becoming a widow, she

was blessed to meet Al Wickman and moved to Cumming, GA. While there, she continued to travel and enjoy life. She attended some reunions, and classmates kept in touch with her. **Earl Milton “Mit” Guss** passed away in Jan. 2023 in Billings, MT, where he lived for more than 30 years. He was a PA native and served in the U.S. Army after graduating from G'burg. In 1970, he and his family moved west. As an outdoorsman, he was one of the founders of Yellowstone River Parks Association and a 60-year member of Union Lodge No. 324 F. & A.M. of Pennsylvania at Mifflintown. **Stanley Traymore** was a loving father, astute businessman, and lawyer in NJ for 30-plus years. He played basketball at G'burg and will be remembered as someone recognizing the value in people from all walks of life. **Earl Tieppo** passed away in 2021. He was a professor at Monroe Community College for 33 years. He enjoyed canoeing all the Great Lakes, Finger Lakes, and many bodies of water in Michigan, Canada, and NY. He served as a U.S. Marine in the Korean War. Many of you remember **Owen Roizman**, as he received an honorary degree of Doctor of Fine Arts in 2001 and a Distinguished Alumni Award in 1997. He was an outstanding cinematographer, a five-time Oscar nominee, and an honorary Oscar recipient for his career achievements in 2017. He was from Brooklyn, went to Gettysburg College, worked in NY, and moved to Los Angeles in 1976. The rest is history. In reading these obituaries, you gain a sense of the impact these people made on their friends and families. Our class has really contributed to making the world better, and we celebrated it at our Reunion in June.

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I was happy to hear from several classmates for this issue. **Margie (Mills) Carpenter** and her husband Mike live in the Willow Valley Communities in Lancaster, PA.

Zoe (Machamer) Worrall now lives in the Masonic Village in Elizabethtown, PA, near her son, John Ridinger. **Carol (Reed) Hamilton**, who was our loyal correspondent for more than 60 years, sent a nice note. She and **Bruce** also live in a life care facility in Cromwell, CT, near their daughter's family. Their son is a college professor in York, PA. They last visited the campus for their granddaughter's graduation two years ago. **Rosanna “Rosie” (Hallman) Steen** still lives in the Sunshine State in Niceville, FL, and is active playing bridge and creating works of art. She took “best in show” for a collage of address labels. I was saddened to read of the passing of **Mary Margaret “Margo” (Schrack) Langley** last summer. She was a Phi Mu sister and a bridesmaid at our wedding. She lived in Park Forest, IL, and was a French teacher for more than 30 years. She and her family loved to travel all over France. The past winter took several of our classmates. They included **Nicholas “Nick” A. Kolb** of Damascus, MD. Nick was a member of Sigma Chi and the MD National Guard. **William Francis “Bud” Cole Jr.** of Williamsburg, VA: Bud retired from the PA Power and Light Co. and served in the U.S. Air Force. **Gerald R. Long**, Lieutenant Colonel U.S. Army Reserve (Ret.) Hershey, PA: He served in the National Guard and U.S. Army Reserve; **Vincent S. Bosco**, The Villages, FL: Vincent was president of Sigma Chi and served in the U.S. Army and National Guard. I have more complete obituaries for these classmates if you would like to read them. Our condolences to their families. Please email, call, or write with your news for the Winter 2024 issue.

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Rod and I just made our annual visit to **Susan Britcher** in Williamsburg, VA. She and housemate Jane DeSolms retired there 20-plus years ago for golf, gardening, and gourmet dining. We love to join them at

Le Yaca to celebrate birthdays with French food. **Fred Bigelow** has retired for the third (and final?) time. “I preached my last sermon as the stated supply pastor for Faith Lutheran Church in Lewisburg, PA, on Christmas Eve and turned 86 three days later. I am slowing down with age, and I had promised myself as a young man 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. There I ‘hung it up’ with the sincere wish that 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 (now McDaniel College) for two years before taking up his post at Davidson. “Ed was a gifted literary and poetic writer, often gracing others with his gifts of creative expression. He dearly loved music and greatly enjoyed composing and recording his original works and regularly lending his vocal talents to a variety of local choral groups and to The Four Coursemen, an a cappella barbershop quartet. He adored 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.” **Teddi (Tichy) Wright** enjoyed the April Fools’ Day prank that put 160 photos of her granddaughters all over her house, upstairs and down, on a brick doorstep, in the coffee pot, and even on the ceiling fan! **Mark Gass Jr.** died in Dec. 2022. After his service in the U.S. Air Force, he became a special agent in the Federal Bureau of Investigation, serving primarily as a senior resident agent in Elizabeth City, NC. He was an active member of City Road United Methodist Church, a commissioner for the Elizabeth City Housing Authority, and a member of

the Pasquotank County Solid Waste/Landfill Committee. Mark was a faithful Red Cross blood donor, giving more than 140 pints and serving as chairman of blood drives for his Lions Club. He was an enthusiastic fly and surf fisherman and recently had grown varieties of milkweed to help monarch butterflies survive and flourish. **Dave Bright** died in April 2023. After serving in the U.S. Army, David had a long career as a banking and finance executive. He served his community on several boards up until his final days. He enjoyed traveling and taking his family on long trips to various destinations. He was an avid sports fan and actively supported the local professional and college teams. **Herb Rigberg** and **Lynne** have left sunny AZ for Blaine, WA—a real climate and political change! Their sons include a retired policeman, a member of a seven-piece band, and a UCLA professor of vascular surgery. “We are healthy, spend time sitting, walking, TV-ing, gardening, and slowly getting back to art.” Rod and I hope to see them in October when we head west for a granddaughter’s wedding.

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My mailbox is very lonely. It has received no mail! Please make it happier and me delighted. I’ll be watching my mailbox. We send our sympathies to the families of **Russell Glicksman**, **Elson M. Blunt**, **Eleanor Schoeller Butler**, **Michael Pacilio**, **Anne Ide Crothers**, and **Suzanne Overmiller**.

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Here’s more from our 60th Reunion in June 2022. **Bob Simms** spent 20 years in the U.S. Air Force and then worked in the defense industry. He now lives in Galloway, NJ, and has two children and three grandchildren. One of the most memorable places he visited was South Dakota. His best memory of Gettysburg College was the U.S. Air Force ROTC taking an interest in developing his leadership skills. To do differently? He would choose an occupation in medicine or law. **Sue (Sober) DeVries** lives in Alexandria, VA, and has three children, nine grandchildren, and one great-grandchild. She has served as a special ed teacher and worked in strategic planning and leadership development of the U.S. Corps of Engineers. Biomimicry would be her choice of career today. She has traveled a lot—Africa, Europe, China, Tibet, and Japan. **Priscilla (Dallmeyer) Parker** lives in Wellsley Hills, MA, and has four sons and 10 grandchildren. Priscilla taught French for many years, but in 2022, she would choose working with climate change or oceanography. **Rob Andrews** lives in Naples, FL. Majoring in business and accounting would be his choice of study today. **Bayard** and **Joyce (Woolford) Moran** retired to Egg Harbor City, NJ. Bayard spent 10 years in the U.S. Navy as a pilot. Now the sad news. **Tom Green** passed away on March 2. Tom led an interesting life in Carlisle, PA, where he was a highly respected orthopedic surgeon and a U.S. Navy veteran. He became very involved in the Carlisle medical community and was an avid equestrian, where he enjoyed foxhunting and eventing. Also **Rev. John David Mumford** passed away on March 1. He was a pastor at churches in Buffalo, Niagara Falls, and Erie, PA. That’s all I have for now. Send me news!

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Dear classmates, after such an interesting winter, we are beginning to see warm sun here again, and it feels good! I hope wherever you are that you are healthy, happy, and warm! Our first news is sad. I just received word that **Tamsie Trafion** passed away in Jan. 2022. Tamsie was a psychology major, a member of Psi Chi and W.A.A., and a manager of the hockey and swim teams. That is all the information I received. Our prayers go out to her family. **Dr. Terry Lehr** passed away April 14. After graduating with a Bachelor of Science from Gettysburg in 1963, Terry received his master’s degree from McDaniel College and his Doctor of Education from Penn State U. He taught junior high school in the Spring Grove Area School District and later retired from the Pennsylvania Department of Education. Three of Terry’s outside interests were the Spring Grove Lions Club, the Spring Grove Area C&MA Church, and the York County Agricultural Society. When Terry and his wife Rachel were not traveling the world, he was reading history books, hunting and fishing for striped bass in the Chesapeake Bay, and watching Penn State football, wrestling, and women’s volleyball teams. Terry is survived by his wife of 57 years, Rachel (Patterson) Lehr; his brother, Dr. Fred Lehr; Fred’s wife, Janet; and many nieces and nephews. Prayers to the Lehr family as they grieve their loss. I have no other news for now, except my pride and excitement over my granddaughter Hannah’s graduation from Gettysburg in May. What fun it will be for us to be there for her. Hannah is the fourth Gettysburg grad in our family, and probably the last, for a while. It has been a great ride, and we are all blessed to have been on it! I am hoping I will see some of you at our 60th Reunion the first weekend in June. “The price of anything is the amount of life you exchange for it.”—Henry David Thoreau

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Hello, 1964 Classmates! This is **Penn Lardner**. I have volunteered to be your class representative. As a history major, I taught in high schools. I earned a letter in varsity football. You received a miniature bottle of champagne at the 50th Reunion from me. My travels include most of the 50 states, most of Europe, and the old Soviet Union. My work experiences include the following: Second Lieutenant, U.S. Army National Guard, trade shows, long-term care, retail, Division of Medicaid and Medical Assistance (DMMA), mortgages, Mumm Napa Winery, and now cruises in Florida! Let’s hear from you. We are the class of “substance and sizzle!” Remember to donate to G’burg. We will have our 60th Reunion in June 2024. I am the new representative due to the passing of **Kathy Gibbs**. She was a teacher in Princeton, NJ, and a member of the NJ Teachers Association. Kathy played the piano and had a favorite dog named Baby. She served as the secretary and treasurer of her homeowners association. **Jim Meyers** wrote that as an officer, he served in Vietnam as a U.S. Marine, then moved to the Secret Service under presidents Nixon and Ford. He spent 27 years in the medical implant device industry and served on church, charity, and venture capital venues. He lives in the Cincinnati area with his wife of 46 years, Susan, and together they have six children and seven grandchildren. He has contact with **Woody Spivey**, **Chris Sims**, **Ed Southworth**, **Brian Avnet**, and **John Anderson**.

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We begin on a sad note for this issue. **Judy Singer Newall** died in January. After G’burg, she attended Columbia U for graduate work. A member of the College Choir, she was a music teacher in NJ for many years and a sought-after soloist in various churches. She and Dennis were

married for 34 years. Her parents were both G’burg 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 as noting his teaching positions at several colleges and universities. His Ph.D. was from Temple U. His MTS degree was from Harvard. He was a celebrated (and popular) professor in history and theology. **Jere Estes** died in Dec. 2022. After studying economics at G’burg, he received an MBA from Drexel U and became a renowned financial analyst, heading a variety of financial institutions and sharing with important charities. He was recognized for his advocacy for neglected and abused children. He loved nature, hiking, bird-watching, and gardening. He and Angie Gravino ’64 were faithful and generous benefactors to their alma mater. **Don Main**’s wife, Carol Gilbert Main ’67, died in April. She was known by many as an outstanding teacher of German but by many others as a firm supporter of Don’s ministry in parish life and as bishop of the Lutheran Church in PA. Again, her printed obituary shares much more about her life and interests. These people led such full lives; my few words do not do them justice. Please search for their full obituaries, including ways to share your own personal condolences. Thanks to those classmates who took my last column’s sense of loneliness as a call to write with small portions of their own life stories. **Joann Leeder Needham** was also in the choir (with Judy Singer and me). Much of her life was spent as an educator but with a lot of human resources positions. She continues to live in NJ. Penn Rhodeen checked in to speak of his relief at a more positive health report after a bout with a terrible disease. **Ginny Bergner Taylor** lives in Williamsburg, VA. My first question to her was whether she was still as active in dramatics as she was in college. Sadly—for many who remember her fondly—she is not. But she was glad for the memory. **Doug Tjaden** and Peg have bought a horse farm in southern NJ and converted it to a crop farm. They’re both active with Meals on Wheels, yoga, and repairing antiques for local shops. **Sue Hartman Brink** left Capetown, South

Africa, during the pandemic, leaving behind a growing fascination with street art. She founded a travel company that focused on Morocco and (later) other North African countries with personalized boutique excursions. Chasing Street Art was named LTG 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 financial gift to G'burg. We've always been leaders; let's keep that distinction.

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Don Dreisbach passed away on Nov. 11, 2022, in South Kingstown, RI. After G'burg, Don received a master's degree at Temple U. Don loved to build things such as robots and collect and restore pinball machines. Early in his career, he taught high school science then transitioned to working in the food service industry before eventually owning an RV dealership. He is described by his loving children as kind, funny, creative, brilliant, and inspired. **Wendy Ann Williams** passed on March 17 after a valiant battle with Parkinson's disease. After graduation, she secured a job with Sloan Kettering but changed careers to focus on helping others. She joined the Peace Corps and spent three years in Ghana. She then entered a cloistered convent in Catonsville, MD. Hearing the call to preach, she enrolled in Sewanee Seminary in Sewanee, TN. She was then ordained in the Episcopal Church and was an assistant pastor at a church in Rochester, NY. After the death of her husband, she

moved to a parish in Hobe Sound, FL, where she spent the remainder of her career at a church in Tequesta, FL. Wendy was a source of great joy, pride, and strength to her family. **Rev. David George Matheke** entered eternal rest on Jan. 22, 2023, in Norman, OK. He received a Master of Divinity from Yale U and a Doctor of Divinity from Vanderbilt U. Throughout his career, he served in several Presbyterian churches in western PA and one in Los Angeles. He enjoyed his affiliation with the ministerial associations and Rotary Clubs in the area he served. He was a loving father and deeply curious thinker, always ready to discuss history, theology existentialism, politics, and sports, especially the NY Yankees and Pittsburgh Steelers.

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On April 29, the 43rd Annual Elwyn Ball was held at the Bellevue Hotel in Philadelphia and honored **Charles Widger** and his wife Barbara. The Widger family partnered with Elwyn to create Clark's Manor, a new, innovative residential therapeutic program for adults with chronic mental illness. It is named in honor of Clark Widger, their son, and is the first therapeutic milieu-style independent living facility in the tri-state area. Attendees included **Lew Manges** and his wife Maxine, **Lee Cummings** and his wife Nancy, and **Larry Luessen** and his wife Lynn. I have received word of the following deaths from our Class of 1967. **Peter Alan Hilchen**, 77, of Vero Beach, FL, passed away on Dec. 11, 2022. He was born Oct. 8, 1945, in Mineola, Long Island, NY, the son of Walter and Helen (Stewart) Hilchen. Peter received his Master of Business Administration from New York U. He had careers in marketing and transportation. Peter was an avid train and auto enthusiast.

He had a love for tropical fish, nature, history, and the world around us. Peter spent many decades in San Diego, where he enjoyed the warm weather, history, and scenic outdoor activities. Peter is survived by his sister, Nancy Murray, and his nephews, Steven Murray and Robert Murray. **Dr. George E. Carvell** of Point Breeze, PA, passed away on Sunday, March 5, at age 77. Dr. Carvell had recently retired after 47 years of teaching neuroscience at the U of Pittsburgh's School of Health and Rehabilitation Sciences (SHRS) in physical therapy (PT) and undergraduate rehabilitation science programs. Dr. Carvell majored in biology at Gettysburg College and taught science to eighth graders before realizing they weren't as engaged with the topic as he had been as a young teenager. He pivoted and began his studies in physical therapy at UPenn, where his passion for neuroscience began. Dr. Carvell practiced PT for several years before pursuing a master's degree in medical science at Emory U. He came to the U of Pittsburgh in 1975 as a teaching assistant while completing his advanced degree and was immediately hired as an assistant professor upon graduation. **Carol Lynn (Gilbert) Main**, 77, died Sunday, April 9, with her husband of 54 years, A. Donald Main (Don), at her side. Carol was born in Baltimore, MD, to the late William Kent and Elizabeth Clift Gilbert, and she spent her early childhood in New York City and Ramsey, NJ, before settling during her teenage years in Devon, PA. Carol graduated Phi Beta Kappa from G'burg College and received her master's degree at the U of Maryland, College Park. Her passions were history and the German language, both of which she taught during her career in PA public schools. Carol was also a member and past president of Delta Kappa Gamma, Sigma Chapter—an honorary organization of women educators. In retirement, she continued her lifetime of teaching others, leading regional history tour groups, and serving as an ESL instructor in Lancaster County, PA. Carol was also a walking historian and was always

ready and eager to tell you a story, enriched with exacting details—including names, dates, and often the meals she ate—along her life's journey.

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Ron Reaves commented that he and his wife, Lucretia, moved to Hagerstown, MD, where they are nearer to family and in a house on one level. He retired from the active ministry as a Lutheran pastor before the COVID-19 pandemic and now supply preaches at times. He keeps up with his religious art and hopes to publish a second book following his first one, "The Rector's New Dawn" (2018). The second book features a child with Down syndrome and is entitled "Amy Dawn, the Mighty." The book continues the story of an Episcopal rector and his wife. Ron is hoping for publication in 2023. **Chuck Teague** wrote that after finding fulfillment in four careers (law, military, pastorate, and public history) and testing out retirement, he has been recruited to become the mental health chaplain at Austin Oaks Hospital in TX on his condition to work only three days a week. I am distressed to also report some more deaths of our classmates. **Mark Durham** wrote that his good and generous friend, **Jim Sutherland**, died in Dec. 2022 in WY. Jim had served in the U.S. Air Force and as a branch manager for industrial distribution. They had reconnected at our 50th Reunion after not seeing each other since 1970 at Andrews Air Force Base. **Sandra (Storm) Vose** died in Dec. 2022 in FL. She had a successful career in the pharmaceutical industry and retired from Celgene in 2012. She stayed active in retirement at her church while traveling and visiting with her grandsons for whose sports teams she often cheered. **Ottilie (Jones) Grim** died in February in York, PA. After receiving a master's degree in human resources, she worked as a human resources director for one of the communities in Columbia, MD, and later for a real estate

company. After retiring to PA, she was active in her church's bell choir, grew roses, and helped with people's taxes and with her family. We mourn with these classmates' families and friends.

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Not much news to report yet again. I hope many of you will send me some information about yourself or other classmates that we can share with your class! **Fred Schumacher** wrote with more kudos he has received. He was selected by U.S. Rep. Jamie Raskin to be the local hero of the week for Veterans Day, and on January 28, he was inducted into the YMCA of Frederick County Alvin G. Quinn Sports Hall of Fame. Fred feels very humbled by this honor as previous inductees have been NFL players, Olympian participants, and coaches in the major leagues. He said he owes a debt of thanks for all the support that the Gettysburg College track and field student-athletes and Athletics department gave him over the years. While this is not the last chapter in his running history, it sure has been a great, interesting, and fun journey. Once again, I end with sad news. Classmate **B. Douglas (Doug) Goodell**, 75, of Williamsburg, VA, passed away at home, surrounded by his family on the afternoon of March 28 after a courageous fight with cancer. While at Gettysburg, Doug met cheerleader Cheryl Keim, who would become his wife of 54 years. Upon graduating with a degree in economics, Doug took a job in banking, but he soon applied his extraordinary people skills to a job in sales with Crown Cork & Seal Company (now Crown Holdings, Inc.) in Baltimore. He worked at Crown Cork & Seal for nearly 30 years, ultimately becoming vice president of the machinery division. His work allowed him to travel the world, taking in the sights and experiences with his friends and colleagues and capturing many treasured photographs. After departing Crown Cork & Seal, Doug

ran a legal benefits company in Baltimore before retiring for good and relocating with Cheryl first to Cave Creek, AZ, then to Williamsburg, VA, both destinations that enabled him to indulge his lifelong passion for golf. Doug is survived by his wife, children, and grandson. Our condolences go to his wife Cheryl and his family.

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I hope everyone had a good winter. Winter in MD was quite mild. But I'm still really looking forward to summer! I'm sad to report that we lost two classmates. **Joe Lemmon** passed away Feb. 24 at his home. He is survived by his wife, Elaine (Neen); two daughters, Jode J. Lemmon Stambaugh and her husband Eric; and Elaine L. Lemmon, both of East Berlin, PA. Also surviving are two stepdaughters, Angie J. Hughes and her husband, Leland, and Amy D. Killeen and her husband Thomas; nine grandchildren; and his sister, Donna Nace and her husband Bill. Joe played football and wrestled while at Gettysburg. He was a member of Gettysburg Church of the Brethren, Hebron Lodge #465 of New Oxford, and Trout Unlimited. He was a lifelong farmer and co-owner of EC Lemmon, Inc. and president of Slate Run Sportsmen, and he enjoyed spending time with his grandchildren and his group of friends. Joe loved fly-fishing, his cabin in Slate Run, his dog, cooking food for friends and family, baking pies, fixing things, and a good cigar. Most of all, he enjoyed spending time with his wife. I know he will be missed. **Ruth Johnson Koehler** passed away on April 13. She received her bachelor's degree in social work at G'burg and then received her master's degree in social work from the U of Louisville. She spent her career advocating for vulnerable children. She loved to cook and bake for her family. Ruth was also an extremely talented interior designer, having attended the Sullivan U Louisville Technical Institute School of Interior Design. She loved searching for

antiques and loved all things KY, especially the Kentucky Derby with a mint julep. She is survived by her husband of 30 years, William Koehler Jr.; a sister, Carol Lang; three stepchildren; two nieces and a nephew; and a puppy, Charlie. **Suzanne Knestrick Kennedy** wrote that **Nancy Springer** was mentioned in the Wall Street Journal crossword puzzle on March 11-12. How cool! Thanks, Suzanne. Have a great summer! And please write. It's not that hard; we all made it through college.

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The following is the Class Notes column that was supposed to be published in the Winter 2023 edition of the magazine; for some reason not explained to me, there was a glitch. I have added at the end three new obituaries shared about our classmates **Tim Brennan**, **Virginia "Ginni/Ginger" Milan Blickerns**, and **Kathy Stecher Rodabaugh**. The votes are tabulated, and by all accounts, our June 2022 Reunion with the classes of 1970 and 1972 was a tremendous success! Many thanks to the class committee and the College staff for their unwavering commitment to ensuring fun and wonderful (re)learning experiences. We had approximately 50 classmates attend various in-person events throughout the three days of Reunion. If you have a chance to visit our class Facebook page (Gettysburg College Class of 1971 Reunion, a private group that you'll need to request access to by pushing a digital button), the photo and IDs of the folks in the picture are available. One of the highlights was presenting our Reunion gift to President Iuliano—a check for more than \$3.7 million, which was subsequently augmented by generous anonymous classmate donations to raise that amount significantly higher. Through the years since even our last

Reunion, our class gifts via all the various fundraising vehicles have a continuing impact on helping the Gettysburg College communities. 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 of the recruits to graduate from Gettysburg College. A Dean's List student, Buddy distinguished himself in the classroom and beyond as an activist, writer, and mentor. Following the death of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. in 1968, Buddy became a social activist, co-founding 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 personal and professional achievements, combined with his exemplary service to Gettysburg College, earned Buddy the Distinguished Alumni Award in 2020. He passed away months later, on Feb. 11, 2021. In support of the College's commitment to diversity, equity, and inclusion, The Leon "Buddy" Glover Jr. '71 Endowed Scholarship will be awarded with a preference for students from underrepresented backgrounds who have financial need. Sad news was passed along to me about our classmates **James William "Jim" Koch Jr.** and **Leonard Simpson, Esq.** After graduation, Jim Koch served in the U.S. Navy for six years, and later served as a manager for Intel in Hillsboro, Oregon. Leonard Simpson earned his law degree after his Gettysburg graduation and went on to serve the citizens of Sullivan County, PA, for 30 years as their district attorney. **Timothy John Brennan**—No. 11 on the football team, TKE brother, and G'burg supporter—took his winning ways to a successful career in the hospitality industry. **Kathy Stecher Rodabaugh** joined the

teaching profession after securing her double major in education and psychology. **Virginia Everel Milan Blickens** took her biology degree to New Jersey, where she worked in microbiology and served as an administrator for her church family at Grace Chapel in Bedminster.

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Steve Nogi wrote, "I retired in 2020, right before COVID-19 hit, which seriously impacted my wife's and my plan to travel immediately after retiring. But we finally started with a trip to Iceland in Nov. 2021 on a Gettysburg College Travel Program trip. We traveled with about 15 other G'burg alumni, and the trip was awesome. We did another Gettysburg Travel Program active adventure trip to Costa Rica in Nov. 2022, which was also memorable. I am a big fan of the Gettysburg Travel Program because they are so interesting and well planned. We also celebrated my wife's 70th birthday at Walt Disney World earlier this year and embarked on a European cruise around the Iberian 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 Schober** passed Feb. 1. Linda is survived by her husband of 50 years, S. Scott Schober '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. Next, she moved to the Greater Pittsburgh area, where they've lived for the last four decades. Linda worked in benefits administration for PPG Industries Inc. for 16 years before retiring. Linda was an avid equestrian who spent countless hours caring

for seven horses over her many years of riding and competing. She was a true world traveler who enjoyed organizing trips to new places with her friends. She also was active within her community, serving with the Child Health Association of Sewickley for several years. **Michael P. Wagner** of York, PA, passed away July 27, 2022, after a short illness. Mike was a Realtor for more than 30 years, working for several real estate agencies. Mike was a member of the York County Board of Realtors, the Hawks Club, and the Viking Club. Mike was an avid golfer and enjoyed hunting as well. Mike loved to watch football and hockey; his favorite teams were the Las Vegas Raiders and the Boston Bruins. Mike is survived by his son Sean, his grandchild Alex Wagner, four brothers, and his sister. **Candice Stevens** lived in France, regaling Bonjour Paris readers with culinary tales from the Paris Cook Club. Candy was a founder member of the Paris 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 Bonjour Paris community. She recounted adventures and misadventures undertaken in tiny Parisian kitchens, in holiday homes in Normandy and Provence, or wider afield in Portugal, Italy, Spain, and Ireland. Candy passed away in Aug. 2022, leaving her Paris Cook Club friends bereft and Bonjour Paris without her chatty, colorful culinary dispatches.

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It is with sadness that we have received notice that **Charles P. "Chip" Boyce III** passed from this life due to cancer on Dec. 9, 2022. Chip was a member and president of Sigma Chi fraternity while he was at Gettysburg. Following graduation, he began a banking career at Maryland National Bank, and later he was the founder and president of Network Media Partners Inc., a sales management

organization that specializes in media sales and event planning and management of digital and print design and marketing services for trade and professional associations. His business grew to 50 employees. He sold Network Media Partners Inc. in 2017. Chip was an avid traveler, and he enjoyed fly-fishing and gardening. In 2002, he was a successful recipient of a kidney transplant. He is survived by his wife and his son and daughter. We also want to recognize the following 50th Reunion committee members: **Ann Marie Campanella Brown**, **Patricia McCrone Bruno**, **Carol Hegeman**, **Paul Kubl**, **Jeffrey Pearsall**, **Steve Triffletti**, **Debra Wallet**, and **Cindy Wilcox**, with special thanks to co-chairs **Lori Kono Clapp** and **Jean LeGros**. We are fortunate to have such leadership and commitment among our class members.

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Remember to mark your calendars for the 50th Reunion celebration of our Class of 1974. I know the planning committee is working hard to make this a great event, so please plan to attend. Save the dates of May 30-June 1, 2024. Don't plan your trip to Europe or your family visit to the Grand Canyon for that week. Come to Gettysburg and see why Travel and Leisure magazine recently named it one of the 10 best small towns to visit on the East Coast (www.travelandleisure.com/trip-ideas/best-small-towns-east-coast). For those of you who attended the Feb. 2023 program featuring award-winning documentarian and filmmaker Ken Burns, held at the Majestic Theater in Gettysburg, I hear it was a fabulous event. **Jeff Cook**, who lives in Gettysburg, wrote an exceptional piece on Burns' film, "The Central Park Five," for The Gettysburg Times. The article ran in the newspaper during the week of the Who Are We?: A Festival Celebrating the Films of Ken Burns at the Majestic,

and I encourage you to read it (www.gettysburgtimes.com/news/local/article_ed160c6-58be-5130-b8c5-e36ff1e72a2f.html). Congratulations to **Bill Heyman**, founder and chief executive officer of the executive recruitment firm Heyman Associates, for receiving the inaugural Distinguished Mentor Award from the Martin Center for Mentorship in Communication at the College of Charleston. The Martin Center was founded in 2023 to teach, research, facilitate, and inspire mentorship in the communications profession and beyond. **Carol Ruck Leach** and her husband John of Wayne, PA, often enjoy spending time in their Wilmington, NC, vacation home. John is an alumnus of UNC Wilmington. On one of their recent visits, Carol got together with **Jan Hugo Rockwell**, who permanently resides in Wilmington (and was originally from CT). Both Carol and Jan are grandmothers of twins—girls for Carol and a boy and girl for Jan. **Alison Raab Ruth** is also a new grandmother of twin girls, and I am the new grandmother of identical twin boys who were born to my son Peter and his wife Kaela, who live in Madison, NJ. I'm sure others of you have twins in your families! Barbara and **Paul Nix**, and Fran and **Ed Vonderschmidt**, traveled to Florida during the winter and visited the Coco Market at Veterans Park in Delray Beach. Founded by Bill Heyman's daughter, Corey Heyman '13, Coco Market is a very vibrant and exciting monthly free event that brings people together for a day of supporting local businesses, fostering new connections, and creating community. Yoga, vendors, music, and food are among the many offerings (www.cocomarket.org). I'm sorry to report the passing of **Mike Blackwell** of our class. Mike was a Phi Delt who played soccer and lacrosse in college. He resided with his wife in LaGrange, GA. About 20 years ago, Mike had cancer, and after surgery and treatment, he recovered and lived an active, involved life for 20 years. He passed away quietly in his sleep of a heart attack in May.

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We send our condolences to the family of **Pam McFall Aungst** and celebrate her life. Pam passed away peacefully at Geisinger Medical Center, Danville, PA, on Friday, Dec. 2, 2022. She worked at Susquehanna U in the admissions office for 37 years and touched the lives of many students. Pam was a ray of sunshine to all who knew her and had a way of making every day special. She loved caring for her family and spending time outside tending to her flowers and taking walks. She enjoyed Hallmark Christmas movies and decorating her home for each season. Pam will be dearly missed by her family including 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 Mack** sent in a happy update: In Nov. 2022, Karen married Tom Mack, a Ursinus graduate, in a small ceremony with their families. Karen has retired from teaching at Washington College but still serves as a guest lecturer. Life is good on Maryland's Eastern Shore, she reported! Retirement has meant taking up golf, more travel opportunities with national parks as a favorite destination, and extra time to read. Watching three grandchildren grow and thrive is another of Karen's greatest pleasures. **Joan Weinheimer Altemose** reported that she and her husband **Bret** are now both happily retired in Jacksonville, FL. They keep quite busy with outdoor activities—gardening, swimming, and playing with their local grandkids, Claire (age 12) and Penny (age 4). When the weather cools off, Joan is indoors baking while Bret is tracking current events online, and then it's off to their book club for sharing and discussion. They are looking forward to more traveling this year with plans for return trips to historic Williamsburg, Acadia National Park, and Key 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 Cox

Groves '76, continued their “on the road again” retirement with a five-state trip visiting friends and family, which included a stop in G'burg for a highly recommended concert by the College Choir.

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'76

From Steven Detweiler '75: We received the sad news that **Thomas Casper** died suddenly on March 6 and offer sincere condolences to his family and friends. Tom majored in English at G'burg; his passions during his college days included reading voraciously, singing in the College Choir under the direction of Dexter Weikel, and slicing the birdie on the badminton court. 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 Lewisboro's Zoning Board of Appeal. He was an original fan of the New York Mets and rejoiced in their World Series wins. Tom took great delight in the life he and his wife Deirdre created over the years in South Salem, NY, and was immensely proud of their children, Emily and Brian, and their achievements, many of which he captured through his camera lens—all the while smiling and cracking jokes on the sideline.

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

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I received a nice note from **Stephanie Phillips Travis**, who has lived in Charlotte, NC, since 1983. She and her husband Joe—a videographer, producer, editor, local Charlottean, 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 Charlotte and Banner Elk, NC. Steffi retired in Nov. 2022 after 40-plus years in nonprofit executive leadership roles—too many to cite and now put in the past. Next up is planning her son's vegan wedding and traveling to the Pacific Northwest as much as possible to visit with family members who are avid fisherpeople. Steffi 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 G'burg J-term class. Wishing you the best on that endeavor, Steffi! Please drop me a line and let us know what you have been up to!

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'78

Greetings to the Class of 1978. By the time you read this column, you will either be reminiscing about the amazing time you had at our 45th Reunion Weekend or regretting that you weren't able to make it. I can't wait to report my findings in the next newsletter, which will include such headlines as how many knee, shoulder, and

hip surgeries our classmates have endured since we last gathered, who has stopped coloring their hair and who has no (or less) hair than five years ago, and who has started a new career or entered the wonderful world of retirement. In the meantime, I heard from **Roger Tonneman** about major changes in his life recently. Roger retired in Dec. 2022 after working for 42 years. He now lives in Colorado with his wife Carol, whom he met many years ago in Minnesota. After moving around from Maine to New Mexico, the Tonnemans settled in Colorado Springs, CO, and have two children and three grandchildren. His daughter got him started in birding this year. Roger has not been back to Gettysburg since our 10th Reunion in 1988. Roger, it's time! On a sad note, I have the unfortunate job of reporting the deaths of three of our classmates since I last wrote to you. It is jarring, to say the least, to get these emails from the Alumni Relations Office with these sad and final reports on the lives of people whom many of us remember as young and vibrant classmates all those years ago. **Dawn Suckling Morden** of Altoona, PA, passed away June 3, 2022. She is survived by her son Jamin and preceded in death by her son Brian. Dawn spent her 36-year career teaching students of all ages and varieties. Dawn was a woman of great faith who expressed it through her love of music and philanthropy. After losing her son Brian to cancer in 2003, she established the Brian Morden Foundation to raise funds for Ewing's sarcoma research and provide scholarships to cancer survivors as well as students interested in medicine or music. **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 Battalion (Artillery). He also received his MBA from the U of Maryland and went on to have a long career in logistics and supply chain management in the private and public sectors. Chris will be remembered for his intellect, interest in history (after all, he went to G'burg!), and a booming voice as a Little League umpire for his two sons, Andrew and Nicholas. Finally, **F. Kevin Tylus** left us on Dec. 16, 2022. He was a lifelong resident of Princeton, NJ, and strong supporter of the community as a member of the Springdale Country Club,

Nassau Club, Union League of Philadelphia, Penn Medicine of Princeton Medical Center Foundation, and the board of trustees of The Hun School of Princeton and Gettysburg College. If that's not enough, he was also the CEO of WSFS Bank. Kevin is survived by his wife of 43 years, Virginia; his son Kevin; and daughters Megan, Lindsay, and Kelsey and their spouses.

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Jeffrey Schiffman has worked 10 years at York College as radio station manager and instructor in audio and radio production. Jeffrey's wife, **Lynne Morrison**, started her second year as executive director of the Rotary Club of York. Jeffrey and Lynne often see **John Skrabak**, **Melanie Walther**, and **Denise (Miller) Garman** and husband Billy '78 as they all live close to Lancaster, PA, where they reside. **Mary (Richardson) Zahn** has been getting together with **Jennifer (Worme) Peterson**, **Ginny (Crowley) Hals**, **Sue (Johnson) Hunter**, and **Charlotte (Heverly) Luy**, along with Lori (McDonough) Mitchell '77 and Janette (Guarisco) Scott '77. This year, they'll be meeting in G'burg! **Sue (Harris) Viola** and her husband, Walt '77, retired and moved to Rumson, NJ, where they are closer to the shore and their family. **Eric Nelson** says the SAEs have reunions every year in Philadelphia, NYC, and at Reunion Weekend. Eric was recently in Melville, NY, and got together for dinner with **Paul Raymond**, **Pete Lamberti**, Irwin “Doc” Dill '78, and Paul “Benny” Benedetto. When Paul Raymond turned 65, he and his son Patrick participated in an Ironman Triathlon in Panama City, FL. He says it was a great father-son moment! **Dick Burke**'s son was recently married, and Pete Lamberti, Paul Raymond, and **Tom Burkett** were in attendance. **Claire (Wilmot) Kraft** retired two years ago; she stays busy with international travel with her husband, spending time with her 3 ½-year-old granddaughter, and substituting in the

Fairfax County Public Schools. Claire sees **Cathy (Berley) Leary** and **Mimi (Davey) Banta** every month at a book club which has been meeting for 17 years! **Dick** and Missy (Poole '80) **Eppleman** stay busy with their church and Missy's Parkinson's support group. All three of their children and four grandchildren live near them, which allows them to see them frequently. The Epplemans travel with **Jay Jordan** and his wife on interesting adventures which always include beer, barbecue, chicken wings, and local culture. **Hope (Dyer) Luken**, **Pam (Gallup) McVeigh**, **Meg (Allen) Nelson**, **Cheryl (Faul) Braun**, **Barb (Cypfers) Pezza**, and **Marianne (Miller) Yingling** met in Alexandria for a Chi O reunion for a fun-filled evening of reminiscing. **Paul “Doc” Welliver** is still active as a substitute athletic trainer. Paul also has a massage therapy practice in Westminster, MD. He and his wife Polly have a 3-year-old grandson named Charlie. **Bob** and **Suzanne (Moore) LeCompte** are both retired and living in Wilmington, DE. They have three children and absolutely love their two grandsons. **Barb (Bright) Henderson** and her husband Bill hosted several G'burg grads when their daughter, Paige '16, married Chris Carnall. Attending were Barb's brother, Steve '81; Steve's wife, Carolyn '82; and brother, Tim '85. Other guests include **Eric** and Meg (Allen) Nelson, **Sue Saxton**, and **Joan (Beardsley) Grossman** with her husband Ted, Hope (Dyer) Luken and her husband Dave, Randy '81, and Marianne (Miller) Yingling. Barb's dad, Chet '52, was too ill to attend but was there in spirit. As a final note, I'd like to thank **Dianne (Lappe) Cooney** for the many years she served as our class correspondent. We've all enjoyed seeing the notes she gathered and how they kept us all connected. And speaking of connections, please start thinking about returning to Gettysburg next year as it will be our 45th Reunion. Hope to see you there!

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 **Gettysburg College Class of 1979**

1980

Gordon Jones retired from a marketing job in Dec. 2022, although he spent the bulk of his career as a sportswriter, which he loved and in which he still dabbles. Since retirement, he has taken a part-time job as a bailiff at a Lancaster County courthouse, which, he said, has been an eye-opening experience! **Jeff Martini** continues his retirement hobby of acting. He recently brought a Zoni-nominated two-actor play from Arizona to a theater in Bethany Beach, DE. Attending the performances were fellow Gettysburgians **Sandra Edwards Jost**, **Dave Jost**, **Phil Bowman**, and his wife. Beyond the 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 to continue working, 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 for Romanian children. He just returned from Guatemala, visiting organizations that work with children with disabilities. **Jay McCarl** reported that his roommate at freshman football camp and Sigma Chi brother, **Jim "Bix" Bixby**, passed away peacefully this past winter in Melbourne, FL. **Mike Tracy** and **Dave Rooney** spoke at his service and Jay and **John "Buck" Stevenson** were in attendance. Finally, classmate **David "Scott" Crocket IV** of Red Lodge, MT, passed away on April 5. Scott majored in history at Gettysburg and was a member of Alpha Chi Omega fraternity.

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Greetings. **Greg Davis** 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 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 excerpt at this link: www.amazon.com/author/gregdavischeckmate. **Kirsten Geehr Fullerton** wrote that she and her husband John recently relocated from Abington, PA, to Lititz, PA. Kirsten is still working as a senior docketing 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 third Westie puppy. **Sarah Babylon Dorrance** 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 Babylon '48; her daughter, Melissa Dorrance Cimbala '13; and her "putting up corn," a family tradition held each August. If you are reading 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.

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Greetings, all! By the time you read this, our 40th Reunion (gasp) will have come and gone. I hope that in our next issue, I can recount some good stories from the big event.

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Hello, Class of 1984. Happy summer. I hope this time of year is all it's supposed to be—relaxing, rejuvenating, and rewarding! It is certainly hard to believe that it's 39 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 ...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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Greetings, Class of '86! I hope this column finds you all healthy and happy. **Lisa Palm** was kind enough to provide several updates on some of our classmates. Thank you, Lisa! **Larry Witham** lives in New Egypt, NJ, and is a computer engineer at Schindler Elevators almost since our college graduation. He and his wife are putting three daughters through college now (the fourth daughter graduated last year), and their youngest, Annie, is now a student at Gettysburg, Class of 2026! Annie entered G'burg 40 years after Larry! **Madeline Yates** has been living in Gettysburg for many years. She is the founder and executive director of Transform Mid-Atlantic, a nonprofit which provides leadership to colleges and universities in MD, Washington, D.C., and DE, by advocating, supporting, and encouraging institutional participation in academic and co-curricular-based public service and civic engagement programs. She keeps busy raising her 7-year-old daughter, Julia! **Bruce Chamberlin** is the senior associate director of undergraduate admissions for Georgetown U. When not home in D.C. or traveling to the West Coast for admissions events, he heads to his beach house in Rehoboth Beach, DE. Bruce continues to serve on G'burg's Board of Trustees and is thrilled to be joined by another classmate, **Amanda Corroon Dolan**, who is now serving on the Board. Bruce shared that if anyone finds themselves in Rehoboth or Lewes, DE, cold beer in the fridge always awaits you! Lisa Palm left the fires and floods of Santa Cruz, CA, after 22 years and relocated to the Portland, OR, area. She has her own business teaching English as a Second Language to adults and has been in leadership positions with the state and international ESOL organizations. I now have some very sad news to report. On March 6, **David Caruso** passed away unexpectedly while at home with his family in Norwich, CT. At G'burg, Dave was a TKE. His classmates describe him as spontaneous, funny, smart, and fun—someone who cared deeply about things that really mattered. Dave was beloved by all who were lucky to know him. Dave had a long and successful career

as a sales executive at The Washington Post. He married Laurie Farrell in 1987, and they raised two sons, Zachary and Ryer. Dave was an avid and passionate mountain biker, cyclist, golfer, and guitarist. He was naturally skilled at all activities, but music was his lifeblood, influenced in no small way by his father, Sal, who was a talented guitar player. Dave loved turning someone on to an artist or song he loved. He reveled in politics and pop culture and was eager to engage people in debate about both. He loved live music, nature, and the shores of Martha's Vineyard, believing that the best things in life are made even better when shared with those we love, and he did that often. David understood the value of family and friendship and championed and supported countless others over the years. He was an immense presence whose absence will be felt in many places by many people. Donations may be made in David's honor to Max Well For Life, a charity he helped start and cared deeply about, at www.maxwellforlife.com. Dave, you are gone too soon and may you rest in peace.

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'87

As we reported in the winter update, 87 classmates attended the 35th Reunion in June 2022. We raised \$493,676 through 113 class donations and won the Verna A. Schwartz Class of 1913 Reunion Fund Trophy for the largest Gettysburg Fund class gift total! The award resides in Joe Lynch's office on campus if you care to see the hardware. Some class news to share: **Sarah Hitch Burdi** recently moved to Memphis, TN, with her husband Tom and two children. Sarah started a new job working as a principal consultant for Accordant Philanthropy. **Kathy Malone**, **Danielle Billera**, **Mimi Doran Cabill**, and **Jill Littman Conway** met mid-November in NYC to see Kathy's daughter Katie perform in an opera at the Manhattan School of Music. Their next long weekend

gathering with Sarah Hitch Burdi and Leslie Billera '90 was in Miami at the end of January to escape the winter weather. A few of that same crew met up again in NYC in March. Mimi is currently in Italy with her family. While sightseeing in Anacapri, Mimi ran into Chi Omega sister Jenn Jacobs '86, whom she hadn't seen in years! Danielle just returned from a family trip to Spain to visit her daughter Simone, who is studying abroad in Barcelona. Jill's daughter Victoria is in her first year of graduate school, working toward a Master of Social Work. Younger sister Grace is a junior at Wake Forest U on the pre-physician assistant track. Kathy and her husband Jim just spent two weeks in New Zealand, where their daughter Meghan is studying this semester at the U of Otago in Dunedin. They traveled around the South Island in awe of the magnificent landscape and untouched beauty. **Janis Vosburgh Richards** and her husband **David Richards** will celebrate their second daughter's wedding in early May on the MD Eastern Shore. We are saddened to share the somber news that our classmate **D. Haley Manchester** passed away in Nov. 2022 after battling ALS. His obituary says it best: Up until the end, Haley always maintained a positive attitude, remained active, and strived to be a source of comfort and inspiration to other sufferers 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 Gettysburg College, a master's degree from Trinity College, and advanced language training from Keio and J. F. Oberlin universities in Japan. **Mike Errico** and **Steve Celio** attended the small service that was held for him in December. Haley always remembered his Gettysburg days very fondly, and he was selected "Most Consequential TKE" of their class in an informal poll in 2021. **Barbara Mandes Donovan** and **Bessie Mandes Airey** shared fond memories of their friendship with Haley by remembering that Haley was a trusted friend with great intellect.

They cherish their memories of post-graduation trips to the Bahamas and Cape Cod with Haley and the G'burg crew. Many in our class agree that it would be nice to hear from so many more of our classmates. Please take a moment to write an update about yourself or other classmates.

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'88

Chris Nelson filled me in on a recent get-together of some classmates. Fiji had its annual alumni Pig Dinner in early April, and nine Fijis from the Class of 1988 made the trip in part to reconnect with each other after 35 years but more importantly to show support to our brother, Craig Frost, who has been dealing with some health issues and who gave an emotional and inspirational keynote speech. Chris flew up to Philly from Charlotte, NC, and had a fun dinner with **Beth (Mulbolland) Patton** and **Vince Powers** and his wife Julie on Friday night, both of whom live in Malvern, PA. Vince and Chris drove out to G'burg on Saturday and connected with **Dave Spittal**, **Sean Riley**, **John Lord**, **Tim Foley**, **Dave Tavolaro**, **Dave Franklin**, and **Kurt Sollenburger**. **Billy Ray Nice** was supposed to join the group, but unfortunately had to cancel at the last minute—he was definitely there in spirit. The reunion was limited to 1988 classmates alone as Craig Frost '89, Doug Snyder '90, Rob Armstrong '91, Kevin Smith '89, J.P. Kallelis '90, Kevin McCartan '91, Chris Carr '90, Dave Moran '86, Rick Layer '86, Barry Bickel '86, and Pete Shoudy '86 also made the trip. There was a random sighting of **Greg Button** and his family at an I-76 rest stop and later at the Upper Crust. Unfortunately, the Phi Gam house was not available, so they had an enjoyable dinner catered by Servo. Apparently, the roast beef had the same

colors as the Union and Confederate uniforms—some things definitely do not change. The personalities have not changed much either after 35 years as it was just like old times. The biggest change is that Sean and Kurt are expecting to become grandfathers shortly. Congrats, guys! The weekend wrapped up with Chris, Vince, Dave T., and Tim having a greasy breakfast at the Lincoln Diner (LD) for old time sake. Glad you guys had a good time connecting! G'burg definitely holds a lot of great memories for many of us. Take care everyone, and remember to send me updates!

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1990

Greetings, and I hope you are all well. **Andrew Rosenberry** has been busy the past few years! In 2021, he was made partner at Antonyan Miranda, LLP, San Diego's most prestigious family law firm. On New Year's Eve of that same year, he married his love, April, at a fabulous New Year's Eve wine party among his closest San Diego friends. More recently, Andrew passed the test to become a certified sommelier—exciting! He and his family celebrated Easter Mass 2023 at the Vatican on St. Peter's Square, and they enjoyed seeing Rome. Thank you for sharing all this good news. Last October, my husband, Tim Mikuta '89, and I went to Bethany Beach, DE, to celebrate **Tracy Baker Johnson** and her husband Jonathan's milestone birthdays of

55 and 60, respectively. We enjoyed seeing **Sarah Wendt**, **Jessica Desmond Trenti** (with her daughter Lauren), **Laura-Lynn Hilbert Renner** (with husband Phil), Mary Masselink Bickel '85 and her husband Barry Bickel '86, and Andrea Olweiler Binkley '85. We had a blast seeing one another, singing, reminiscing, and celebrating the birthday couple. Also, this past fall, Tim and I had fun hosting one of his Phi Psi 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, pompano, bluefish, and drum). More importantly, Kenny took time to visit with his daughter, who is finishing her studies at nearby UNC Wilmington. Meanwhile Kenny's wife, Eden Plevka '91, enjoyed a Gettysburg girls' weekend up in NH. If you are anywhere near the Dallas, PA, area and beyond, **Gerry Mibalick** 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 Montage Mountainfest in Scranton, PA. Gerry covers an eclectic mix of alternative, country, some classical, rap, and other styles. Gerry decided that any entry fee charged would be given 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.

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No news to share. Don't forget to share your updates for the next edition of the magazine!

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As our class moves into its 30th Reunion, we now have members of our class whose children are graduating from Gettysburg this year, currently attending the College, and joining the Class of 2027. We heard from **Jennifer (Pontz) Slocum**. Jennifer worked as a nurse practitioner caring for those with opioid addiction for four years in CA before joining the local school district. This summer, she and her family will be relocating to Tallahassee, FL, where her husband accepted a professor position at Florida State University.

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'95

Congratulations to **Kelly (Drop) Keiter** for graduating in May 2022 with a Master of Science in cybersecurity risk and strategy from NYU Law and NYU Tandon School of Engineering. She received recognition from her cohort as positively impacting their experience in the program. **Stephanie (Abruzzese) Cavanagh**, **Aimee (Baehler) Coleman**, **Kim (Parton) Hartnett**, **Cristina (Segovia) Hamsber**, **Kristin (Westapher) Richards**, **Jen (Gardella) Warner**, and

Katherine (Lapierre) Cummings recently returned from a trip to Turks and Caicos Islands, where they donned their orange and blue. They had amazing shirts made that said Stine or Rice, and they gathered for a snapshot on the beach. I'm sure they had a great time catching up with one another. **Sharon (Ryan) Lydon** just came to the Chicagoland area for a conference, and it allowed us the chance to visit. We've been talking weekly since the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic in 2020, and it was amazing to have an in-person visit where we could just talk and laugh incessantly. Seeing how this is a milestone birthday year for most, I'm sending each of you best wishes as you celebrate.

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'96

Hello, Class of 1996! I hope this column finds everyone well. My husband, **Justin Bruton**, and I are celebrating 25 years of marriage this year and have volunteered to be the new Class Notes correspondents for our class. Justin is managing director, strategic media alliances, at LiveRamp, and I work at blue plate minds, a small women-owned creative staffing firm. We currently live in West Chester, PA, and have a son (Quinn, 18) who is studying business at Penn State U, and a daughter (Jillian, 16) who is a high school sophomore. Last year, we caught up with my former Stevens Hall roommate **Kerry O'Brien Parisi** while she was visiting Philly with her husband and daughter. Kerry often crosses paths with Justin since they both work in the TV industry. I received an update from **Sarah (Peterman) Hart** that she is living in the Philly area with her husband and her teenage daughter. She works as a 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 G'burg

experience. Sarah recently visited with **Beth (Foster) DeTuro** and **Carola (Rubio) Williamson**. Beth lives in Charlotte, NC, with her husband and son, and she tutors at-risk students along with taking on occasional editing work. Carola lives just outside of Washington, D.C., with her husband Jeff Williamson '97 and her youngest 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, Georgetown Visitation Preparatory School. Sarah also mentioned she is in touch with **Colleen Patterson**, **Colleen Dunn**, and **Greta Kehl**. Colleen Patterson lives in Denver, CO, and works for Liberty Mutual. Colleen Dunn lives in northern NJ, with her husband and children and works in reinsurance. Greta Kehl lives in the Dallas, TX, area with her husband and two sons and has worked in special education for many years. Sarah added that they all catch up 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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2000

David Fort and his family recently met up with **John Miller** at the National Cherry Blossom Festival in Washington, D.C. John and his two sons were part of the DMV OneWheel group entry in the National Cherry Blossom Festival Parade. **Jen Honeyman Bridgman, Traci Bergan DeBakker, Jill McFarland Condon, Stacey Elwood Head, Lauren Morrell,** and **Liz Beebe Hayes** met for a ladies weekend in March in Jamaica. Although they desperately missed the other Class of 2000 friends who couldn't make it, they somehow managed to have an amazing time. **Josh Eycler** 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 Crumbaker Endowment for Wrestling, which would exclusively 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 Eycler (jeyler42@gmail.com), **Shawn Greene,** or **Rich Lukas** for more information."

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No news this time. 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, Kyley, and their four children.

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Gettysburg College Class of 2003

'04

Hello, Class of 2004! Congratulations to **Janet (Teske) Cassarino**; Janet and Steve Cassarino '02 welcomed Isidora Ruth Cassarino, born Aug. 31, 2022. She is adored by her five older siblings. Keep your updates coming!

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Gettysburg College Class of 2004

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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!

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Janna (Diaz) Erlandson and her husband CJ welcomed their third son, Oliver Christopher, on Dec. 30, 2022. He is the perfect completion to the family! Following the completion of his medical residency at the Mayo Clinic, **Nicolas Boire** started a medical microbiology and infectious disease pathology fellowship at Mass General Brigham, Harvard, this past summer. On Feb. 12, **Chris Berleth** 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 Littleton** welcomed a son and potential future Gettysburgian, Isaac Evander Littleton, in early 2023. **Matea Migić** welcomed her daughter, Robin Migić-Reece, on Dec. 30, 2022, in Berlin, Germany. **Katie (Hagan) Duffie** 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. After graduating from Gettysburg, **Claire (Maylor) Logue** returned to Baltimore and obtained a Bachelor of Science in nursing from Johns Hopkins U School of Nursing. While raising a family, Claire has been a nurse at Johns Hopkins, providing both inpatient and, most recently, outpatient clinical care. In 2022, Claire received the DAISY Award for Extraordinary Nurses, the first-ever award to a Johns Hopkins U 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 Charlie. **Hannah (Temerlin) Kurababsi** received her MBA from American Military U in 2022. **Barbara (Creveling) Schleicher** and her husband Adam welcomed their second child, Rory Robert, on Sept. 25, 2022. Rory joins big brother and Irish twin (born less than a year apart!) Bennett Bradley, who was born on Sept. 29, 2021. The Schleicher family makes their home in Wyomissing, PA. Fun fact: Adam is a cousin of Barb's close friend and fellow '07 alum **Alicia (Kelly) Derrick!**

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Jamie L. Kessler of nationwide employment law firm Jackson Lewis P.C. has been elevated to principal. Jamie is an attorney in the firm's Boston office and represents public and private employers in labor and employment law matters. **Sarah Christian** and her husband Tom '07 welcomed their second child, Emily Astrid, in Sept. 2022. Emily and her big sister Charlotte are looking forward to a trip to campus soon.

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'09

After G'burg, **Alexander Putnam** worked as a lab technician at a biotech company, finished his master's degree in biology and biotechnology from Worcester Polytechnic Institute in 2021, and is now a fermentation engineer at Glycosyn LLC. He is also a proud new homeowner in Waltham, MA. **Jason Parker** accepted a position in advancement at his alma mater Carolina Friends School, an independent Quaker school in Durham, NC. **Megan (Graham) Benka-Coker** finished her fifth year as a professor at G'burg.

She went to Ghana last November to research household air pollution. She and her partner, Wande, have two children, Ade and Remi. **Carly Yaeger-Koykkari** and her partner Aaron live in WI with their daughter, Harriet, who just turned 1 and took her first steps, and two stepchildren, Teagan and Kristian, who both play soccer. Carly is a chiropractor and practices a few days a week, including treating animals. **Erin Miller** joined The GIST, a sports media brand shaking up the industry by providing equal coverage to women's and men's sports. She attended the Women's and Men's Final Four tournaments, South by Southwest (SXSW), and the NBA All-Star Game. **Caitlin McCarthy** and Sam Polifka '10 and their son Zachary will visit Denver in May 2023 to see Erin Miller, **Lindsay Niess Garea,** and **Kate Anderson** for a mini-reunion. Caitlin works for McKinsey and Company, guiding people through career transitions, while Sam leads the marketing team at Paramount+. Kate Anderson lives in Los Angeles with her senior dog Emma and partner Dave. She was recently nominated for an Outer Critics Circle Award and a Drama Desk Award for her work on the score of the musical "Between the Lines." She'll return to London this summer to work on "The Book Thief Musical," and she continues to develop film and TV projects. **Christopher Morse** lives in Boulder, CO, where he's a full-time musician. Check him out at christophermorsemusic.com or on any streaming platform. After seven years on the West Coast, **Sara (Harenchar) Levinson** now lives in Pittsburgh, PA, where she is vice president of business development for Prometric and has been the top seller globally since joining in 2020. Sara serves on the Alumni Board of Directors and is loving frequent trips to G'burg. She's still performing locally, mostly on the ukulele. **Jennie French** lives in Cambridge, MA, and is finishing up a leadership and policy program at Brandeis U, where her work is focused on what social and academic belonging looks like in fourth grade. After more than 10 years working as a graphic designer in children's educational publishing, **Ashley Zimmerman** made a 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 Ret.) in 2022 in an intimate ceremony in the Nevada mountains. They moved into their first home on Lake Gladewater, TX, in the summer of 2023. Their son Asa celebrated his first birthday, and the toddler is keeping everyone busy. A special thank you to **Jennifer Amols Brett** for carrying the torch these past many years and passing it graciously on to me.

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2010

Christianna (Giordano) Pally and **Brian Pally** welcomed their second child, Thomas Mercer, to the family on Feb. 8. **Alexander 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 Burgundy School of Business in Dijon. Graduation occurred at the Moët & Chandon global headquarters in Épernay. **Kevin McKee Fitzpatrick** of Fairfield, CT, passed away unexpectedly on Wednesday, Dec. 7, 2022 at age 34. He is survived by his heartbroken parents; his brother, Will; his sister-in-law, Malu, and their children Chloe, William, and Hollie. The beloved son of William J. Fitzpatrick III and Miriam McKee 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. His last several years were plagued by chronic migraines. Despite the constant debilitating pain, Kevin graduated from Quinnipiac Law and passed the Connecticut Bar Examination. He practiced law with his proud father in Fairfield and later moved into the internet marketing field and online blog writing. Kevin was an excellent athlete who played tennis and especially loved skiing and mountain biking with his brother, Will.

He was a voracious reader with a keen intellect who could converse on any subject from anime to Virgil Abloh. He had a wide range of interests, including Formula 1 racing, computers, art, vintage and luxury automobiles, clothing, and sneakers. Kevin had a wide-ranging love of music, enjoying artists from Nile Rodgers to Twiddle. Kevin loved his family deeply, including his many aunts and uncles, and particularly his cousins. But the ones who could always make his face light up were his niece, Chloe, and her twin siblings, 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 mean bone in his body. Pets recognized this. He was the family's pet sitter of choice. Kevin deserved a better life than one with years of pain to endure. His love, friendship, and his smile will never be forgotten.

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Hello, fellow members of the Class of 2012! Our classmate, **Nicole Quinn**, began working as an assistant professor of entomology at the University of Florida/IFAS Indian River Research and Education Center in Fort Pierce, FL. Her work there focuses on helping the citrus industry by working to control invasive insect species via biocontrol. After her time at Gettysburg, Nicole earned a master's degree at Michigan State U and a doctorate from Virginia Tech. In personal news, Luke Cuculis and I welcomed our first child, a son, Ira Zydrunas

Cuculis, on Dec. 28, 2022. If you have any updates you would like to share with our Gettysburg family, I'd love to hear from you!

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Happy summer, Class of 2013! Please save the date for our upcoming 10th reunion: Oct. 13-15, 2023. I hope to see you there!

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Hello, Class of 2014! **Pam Giangreco** attended the 75th Annual Directors Guild of America Awards in Beverly Hills in February. While she did not win, it was an honor to be a part of the directorial team nominated in the Limited Series Category for Netflix's "Inventing Anna." What an accomplishment!

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Jason Sartorio and **Hannah Martin Sartorio** would like to announce the birth of their son, Henry Summer Sartorio, on April 20 at 5:29 a.m. Mom and baby are healthy and doing well! **Brianna (Kirk) Frakes** and Matthew Frakes (Princeton '13) were married on June 3, 2022, in Newtown, PA. Brianna and Matt met in graduate school at the U of Virginia, where they both are completing their doctorates in history. The groom's mother, Pam (Peck) Frakes '75, is also a Gettysburg alum. The newlyweds currently live in Charlottesville, VA, and will

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A few of us have some new names to share! **Kaitlyn McCrudden** married Chris Burton '12 on March 24 and were surrounded by Gettysburgians from across the decades, including her grandfather, Mark Sibley Jr. '58; her uncle, Dave Sibley '81; Julius Jackson IV '11; Joey Delaney '12; and classmates **Sarah Dumont, Victoria Meskers, Alex Schardt, Claire Martin, Ronnie Bridges, Katie Bovard, Amanda Wivell, Macauley Mikes, Courtney Long, Eva Karkuff**, and Brooke Matthews '19. On April 7, **Kelsea Brewer** married Dru Henderson in a beautiful ceremony in Virginia. There to celebrate with her were classmates **Maddy LaCroce, Kelly Ashnault, Caroline Campbell, Liz Broske, Amanda Finck, Brooke Gutschick, Rob Sharpe**, and Nate Cutting '18. On the academic front, **Kristina Chamberlin** is now Dr. Kristina Chamberlin after finishing her Ph.D. in social psychology. She graduated from Florida State U and is now working as a postdoctoral fellow at U of Michigan. Please keep your contact info and address up to date by going onto the Alumni section of the Gettysburg website and clicking "Update Your Alumni Profile." We don't want you to miss out on good stuff like this: First, the

BOLD Council is launching a new program called the New City Ambassadors. We have trained ambassadors to welcome you if you move to cities like Washington, D.C. or Philly. The ambassadors are also going to host events and work to get alumni in their city more connected to fellow Gettysburgians in the area. See previous Bullet Points or email me for more info! Second, the Gettysburg Cookbook finally launched! The cookbook is free and full of recipes that remind us of Gettysburg, whether it's the chicken bruschetta from Servo or the garlic parm wings from Blue & Gray. The link is available in the Bullet Points from May.

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Gettysburg College Class of 2017

'18

From Libby Walker '20: **Alexa Laboy** is pursuing her Ed.D. in higher education leadership at Clark Atlanta U. She's also currently working as a director of college counseling at CollegeBound Initiative, the same nonprofit that helped her get into college. Alexa is also a single parent to a 13-month-old son.

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2020

Hi, everyone! Our classmates have accomplished some amazing things since our last update. **Julia Roehl** graduated

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Gettysburg College Class of 2020

'21

Hi, Class of 2021! Our classmates are exploring exciting careers and studies, as well as creating impactful change in their communities. **Caolainn McKenna** is currently working in a pharmaceutical research lab in King of Prussia, PA, that focuses on vaccine development. This summer, she will start her medical education at the Lewis Katz School of Medicine at Temple U. She hopes to focus her career on providing health care to medically underserved communities in the U.S. **Emma Padrick** moved to Arlington, VA, in 2022 after serving for a year with AmeriCorps as an early literacy program coordinator for United Way of the Greater Lehigh Valley. She now works in public affairs at PLUS Communications, where she consults on strategic communications, grassroots mobilization, and coalition building for

clients across a range of industries. In her free time, Emma enjoys exploring the Washington, D.C., area with other G'burg grads. **Emily Brennan** moved to Baltimore, MD, in July 2022 after working for over a year in Merrimack, NH, at Fidelity Investments as a client service rotational program associate in Fidelity Charitable and Workplace Investing business units. She now works at T. Rowe Price as an intermediary sales consultant in U.S. Intermediaries, where she assists mid-Atlantic and southcentral territory regional investment consultants with portfolio construction reports, promotion of product and marketing campaigns, and collaboration with projects among Broker Dealer, Defined Contribution Investment Only, and Retirement Plan Services field sales teams. **Alexa Kerprich** is living in Philadelphia and working as an environmental scientist in South Jersey. She primarily does consulting for commercial development. Alexa 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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CLASS PHOTOS

- 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.
- 3 Henderson wedding (left to right, front row): Eliza Gray '16, Anna Negron '16, Steve Bright '81, Karly Manchin '16, Hannah Green '16. (Second row): Kristen Barone '16, Ali Bonafide '16, Ashley Comparin '16, Katarina Leiby '16, Sara Laughna '16, Meghan Hisgen '16, Barb Bright Henderson '79, Paige Henderson Carnall '16, Meg Nelson '79, Hope (Dyer) Luken '79. (Third row): Kelly Maguire '16, Josh Pettengill '16, Michelle Stefanelli '16, Sarah Delaney '16, Carolyn Bright '82, Kelsey Poholsky '16, Sue Saxton '79, Marianne (Miller) Yingling '79. (Fourth row): Eric Nelson '79, Joe Coogan '16, Peter Como '17, Tim Bright '85, Randy Yingling '81, and Joan (Beardsley) Grossman '79.

- 4 Jen Honeyman Bridgman '00, Jill McFarland Condon '00, Traci Bergan DeBakker '00, Lauren Morrell '00, Stacey Elwood Head '00, and Liz Beebe Hayes '00 met for a ladies weekend in March in Jamaica!
- 5 Pam Giangreco '14 attended the 75th Annual Directors Guild of America Awards in Beverly Hills in February.

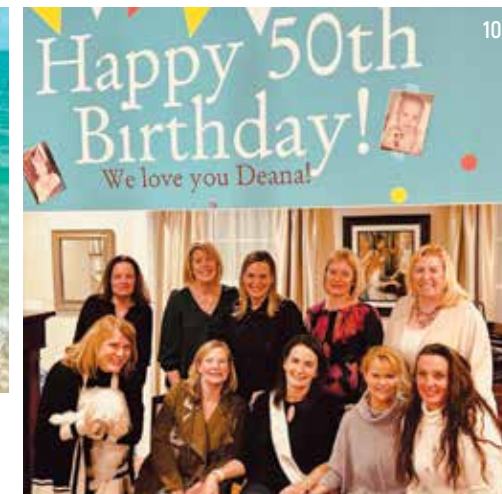
- 6 Paul Raymond '79 recently celebrated his 65th birthday by completing the full 140.6 Ironman Triathlon with his 33-year-old son, Patrick. It was a great father/son moment!
- 7 Burton wedding (left to right, front row): Macauley Mikes '17, Courtney Long '17, Eva Karkuff '17, Brooke Matthews '19. (Second row): Joey Delaney '12, Chris Burton '12, Kaitlyn McCrudden '17. (Third row): Sarah Dumont '17, Victoria Meskers '17, Alex Schardt '17, Claire Martin '17, Ronnie Bridges '17, Katie Bovard '17, Amanda Wivell '17. (Fourth row): Dave Sibley '81, Julius Jackson IV '11, Mark Sibley Jr. '58.
- 8 Claire (Maylor) Logue '07 received a very prestigious award for her work in nursing.

- 9 Siobhan Rae McIlhoney '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) Cavanagh '95, Aimee (Baehler) Coleman '95, Kim (Parton) Hartnett '95, Cristina (Segovia) Hamsher '95, Kristin (Westapher) Richards '95, Jen (Gardella) Warner '95, and Katherine (Lapierre) Cummings '95.



**CLASS NOTES
CORRESPONDENTS'
DEADLINES**

10/15 for Winter
4/8 for Summer



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IN MEMORIAM

ALL DATES ARE 2022 UNLESS NOTED

- '42 Nellie M. Manges, April 23
- '43 Marjorie Amspacher Boyson, Nov. 22
- '46 Ruth Mattheiss Hehl, Nov. 18
- '49 Robert W. Braun, March 30*
Everett E. Frey, Dec. 7
Jeanne Faris Gilmour, May 19*
- '50 William J. Albright III, Dec. 9
William J. Johnson, Feb. 22*
John A. Landis Jr., Aug. 10
George B. Weigand Jr., Jan. 29*
- '51 Robert S. Bowers, Jan. 2*
Anthony J. Costanzo, Feb. 25*
Mary Alice Hartranft Dean, Aug. 15
Paul S. Keller, Jan. 17*
Lucille Ruggiero Stewart, Feb. 14*
- '52 William A. Blose, April 9
Robert D. Hurley, April 22*
Ernest J. Kruse, March 29*
- '53 Paul H. Cummings, March 2*
David C. Hamme, Nov. 6
JoAnn Mathias Hare, March 8*
Charles M. Sanders, April 28
Donald F. Sause, Nov. 29
Patricia Oyler Snook, Jan. 29*
- '54 Barbara A. Holley, Feb. 6*
Robert H. Krick, April 13*
Jane Drennen Ortel, Oct. 13
Walter R. Rentschler, Dec. 22
Dolores Elwood Sloan, May 17*
Jacquelyn Harvey Thomas, Jan. 21*
Jack L. Whitcomb, May 22*
- '55 James M. Henderson Jr., Dec. 15
Eugene F. Irschick, Nov. 10
Edwin R. Spicer, March 25*
John R. Stoner, March 20*
- '56 Madeline Albright Baughman, April 20*
Harold B. Cooper, April 16*
Ward M. Dahlander, Feb. 4
Albert S. Harris Jr., Feb. 2*
Robert J. Hobaugh, May 5*
Ernest C. Ilgenfritz, Aug. 22, 2021
Robert J. Kaiser, Jan. 3*
F. Robert Siebold, Dec. 28
Alfred O. Siegel, May 4
Gordon J. Spillinger, Feb. 6*
- '57 Thomas F. Buntz, April 19*
Ann Fortenbaugh Eicholtz, Dec. 18
Elissa Langaunet Fisher, Nov. 4
Stephen C. Koffler, Dec. 18
- Winifred Shearer Kost, Feb. 20*
Grace Wagner Mohler, Nov. 13
Louise Moyer Morrow, Feb. 5*
Mary Ann Sulzer Rhodes, Dec. 23
Robert E. Sickel, March 8*
George A. Williams, April 25*
- '58 Barbara Deetz Bankert, April 30*
Dorothea Larkin Beebe, Nov. 11
Jeanette Woodrow Biehl-Wickman,
Dec. 22
Ronald E. Fink, April 23*
Barbara Burkhart Garcia, April 23*
Robert E. Gladney, Feb. 27*
Joseph E. Gonzalez Jr., April 27*
Earl M. Guss, Jan. 5*
Owen I. Roizman, Jan. 6*
C. Suzanne Opperman Schrogie, May 3*
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Stanley S. Traymore, March 2
Margaret Huettenreiter Truhan, May 16*
Jeanette Woodrow Wickman, Dec. 22
- '59 Vincent S. Bosco, Feb. 26*
William F. Cole Jr., Jan. 14*
Nicholas A. Kolb, Dec. 25
Mary Margaret Schrack Langley, Aug. 6
Gerald R. Long, Feb. 23*
William H. Morrow Jr., Feb. 10*
- '60 David R. Bright, April 13*
Mark K. Gass Jr., Dec. 8
Edward L. Palmer, Dec. 16
Douglas R. Underkoffler, Oct. 7
- '61 Elson Myron Blunt III, Nov. 14
Eleanor Schoeller Butler, March 27*
Anne Ide Crothers, Nov. 11
Russell Allen Glicksman, April 11*
Suzanne Overmiller Towber, July 31
- '62 Thomas J. Green, March 2*
Linda Terry Hauser, Nov. 3
Ronald L. Van Heertum, Dec. 7
Bruce A. Lahr, Dec. 21
J. David Mumford, March 1*
Don H. Snyder, Dec. 25
Bonnie Dunlap Stayer, Jan. 9*
- '63 Chester I. Knight, Nov. 30
S. Terry Lehr, April 14*
Carol McWilliams, Nov. 15, 2021
John J. Miller, Feb. 22
Tamsie Lea Trafton, Jan. 2
- '64 Howard O. Gerken, May 3*
Kathleen Gibbs, April 21*

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- '65 Jon A. Alexander, March 3*
Jere E. Estes, Dec. 2
Robert Jules Nagy, April 30*
Judith Singer Newall, Jan. 14*
- '66 Donald B. Dreisbach, Nov. 11
James F. Jardine, Oct. 2
David G. Matheke, Jan. 22
Wendy Williams, March 17*
- '67 George E. Carvell, March 5*
Peter A. Hilchen, Dec. 11
Sharon L. Lace, April 19*
Carol Gilbert Main, April 9*
- '68 Otilie Jones Grim, Feb. 25*
Bradley R. Kays, Oct. 6, 2021
James F. Sutherland, Dec. 4
Sandra Storm Vose, Dec. 12
- '70 Ruth Johnson Koehler, April 13*
Joseph E. Lemmon, Feb. 24*
- '71 Gerald R. Becker, Jan. 9*
Timothy J. Brennan, March 14*
Jeffrey D. Green, May 26*
Kathy Stecher Rodabaugh, March 10*
Beryl C. Taylor, May 23*
- '72 Linda Snyder Schober, Feb. 1*
Candice A. Stevens, Aug. 2022
Michael P. Wagner, July 27
- '73 Charles P. Boyce III, Dec. 9
- '74 Michael A. Blackwell, May 4*
- '75 Pam McFall Aungst, Dec. 2
- '76 Thomas P. Casper, March 6*
- '78 Joseph F. Faccenda, Feb. 13*
Christian C. Hager, Dec. 15
Dawn Suckling Morden, June 3
F. Kevin Tylus, Dec. 16
- '79 Caroline J. Allen, Nov. 1, 2021
- '85 Michael L. Carpenter, April 21*
Daphne Raptis Logan, Feb. 8
- '86 David S. Caruso, March 6*
- '87 D. Haley Manchester, Nov. 29
- '90 Nicholas S. Johnson, April 19*
- '94 Elizabeth O'Grady Emery, May 22*
- '98 Abigail Letts O'Brien, Dec. 11
- '00 Peter B. Crumbaker, Nov. 26
- '10 Kevin M. Fitzpatrick, Dec. 7

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NICHOLAS S. JOHNSON '90

Nick Johnson '90 stood at the heart of the Gettysburg Network. Through this far-reaching web of alumni and friends of the College who dedicate their lives to helping Gettysburgians maneuver the complexities of business and society, he connected students with executives and mentors across the digital advertising world.

That world—and the Gettysburg Network—was hit hard with Johnson's passing on April 19.

"Nick Johnson was an engaged and influential alumnus who leaves an enduring and exemplary legacy at his alma mater," said Associate Vice President for College Advancement *Betsy Duncan Diehl '84, P'14*. "He was a role model for what it means to be an impactful and active part of our robust Gettysburg Network. In short, Nick epitomized what it means to be Gettysburg great."

A longtime resident of Madison, New Jersey, Johnson was born in Manhattan, New York, but spent most of his childhood living in Asia, including the Philippines and Thailand before moving back and forth from Tokyo to Hong Kong. He attended the Peddie School in Hightstown, New Jersey, and then became an engaged Gettysburg student. He played tennis, served as a disc jockey for WZBT, was an active member of Phi Gamma Delta, and graduated with a degree in sociology. He also met his wife, *Kirsten Frank Johnson '89*, at Gettysburg.

A career in advertising took Johnson to Tokyo as an account executive at Grey Deiko. During this time, he adapted to rapidly changing technology and moved into the digital advertising space. He later returned to the U.S. to work at SlimFast as a marketing manager before gaining a sales position for the newly launched CNNI.com. Johnson continued to climb the ladder, from an account executive at Turner Broadcasting to sales leadership positions at Lycos, Reuters, NBCUniversal, and McClatchy. In 2021, he joined Spotter as chief revenue officer and helped the company broker deals with top YouTube influencers.

Always looking to pay it forward, Johnson's passion for his work was equaled by his commitment and love for his alma mater. He served as a member of the Communications & Marketing Advisory Council for seven years and was a co-founder of the Entrepreneurial Fellowship, which granted \$10,000 awards for students to pursue innovative business ventures.

A valued mentor for many, he remained committed to helping Gettysburgians achieve their professional goals, often reaching out to his own expansive network to make connections.

"Nick had a bright, generous spirit and a vibrant sense of humor that illuminated every room he entered and each conversation he engaged in," recalled *Kelsey Markiewicz '14*, who met Johnson during an externship in 2012 and is now an advertising sales and partnerships account director at NBCUniversal. "Nick was and will remain an inspirational figure to me. He impacted many lives and enhanced institutions for the better. May we all aspire to carry Nick's legacy forward."

Johnson was an active traveler, exploring Peru, China, South Africa, and Zambia with his family, and a master of leisure sports, like pingpong, cornhole, and foosball. He is survived by Kirsten and their three children, Campbell, Cole, and Caroline.

by *Corey Jewart*

WITH A GETTYSBURG GREAT



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

by Danny Ziegler '21

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.

OPPOSITE PAGE Danny Ziegler '21, owner and founder of Ziggy Donutz
THIS PAGE Danny Ziegler '21 shows the process for creating his iconic doughnuts.



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 Donutz 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.* 



NO STRAIGHT LINES

FROM PASTURES TO PAINTINGS

by Mimi Schlichter '82



I admire 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 Matsinko**.

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. **G**



Mimi Schlichter '82 is an artist, author, and musician. She is passionate about faith, family, and friends. Paintings at MimisArt.com. Blog at ArtistsRealLife.com

TOP Painting titled "The Real Me" capturing the artist's essence.

LEFT Mimi Schlichter '82 plein air painting along the Great Sippewissett Marsh, West Falmouth, Massachusetts (Cape Cod).



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