

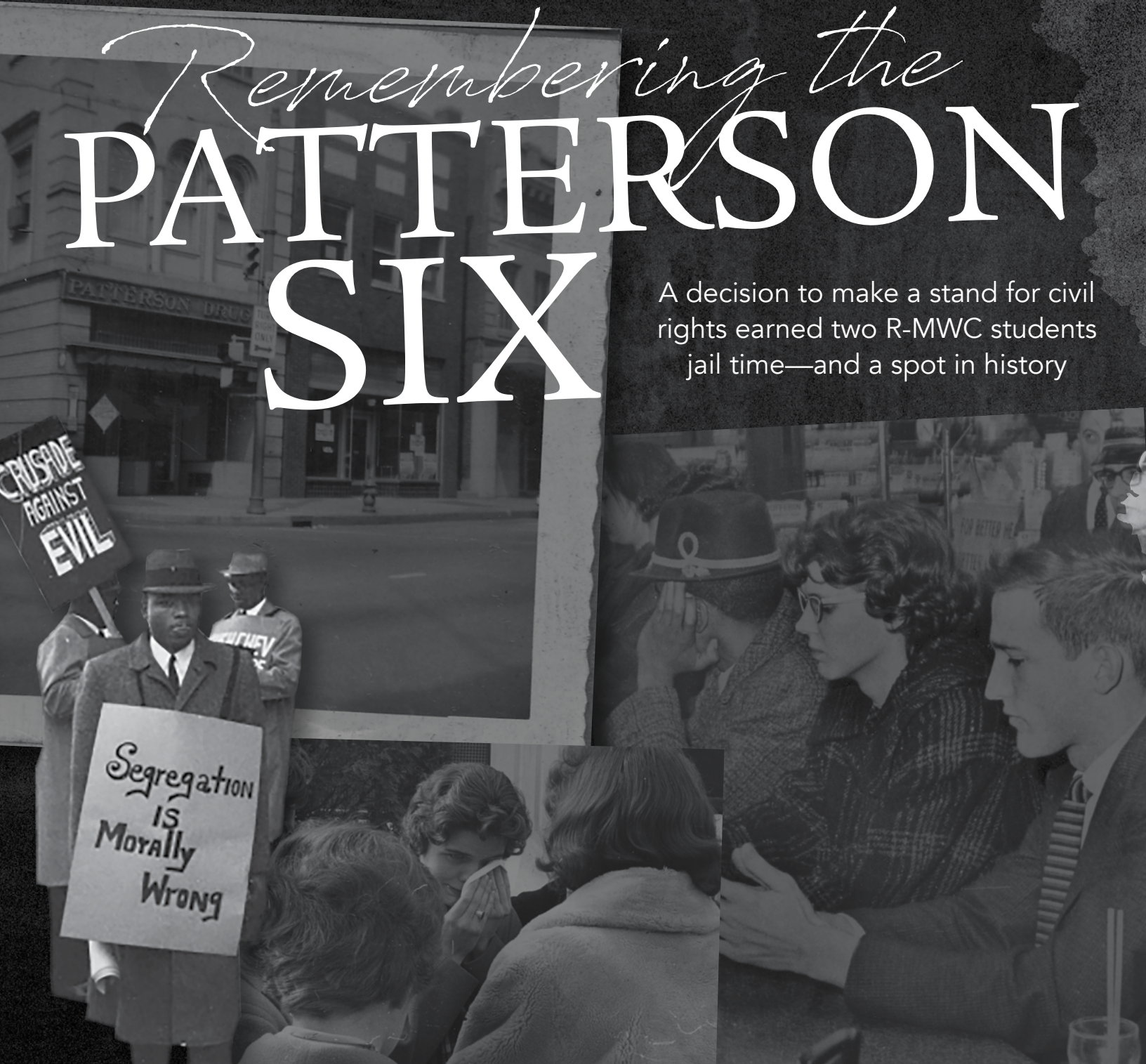
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AROUND RANDOLPH

FROM THE PRESIDENT



As we've watched the vibrant colors of fall mix with the historic, stately brick buildings to turn our campus into a picture-perfect postcard, I've found myself thinking often about this College's rich history. While there definitely have been no years like 2020, Randolph has endured plenty of challenging moments during its 127-year history, including the 1918 influenza pandemic, numerous wars, and the Great Depression, among others. And always during each of these periods, it has been the people of this tremendous place that

have risen to the occasion with dedication and passion.

This year has been no different. Back in March when we, like other colleges around the nation, made the tough decision to move to online learning in order to prevent the spread of COVID-19 on campus, we assumed it would be a temporary challenge. We never would have guessed just how much the pandemic would change our way of life, or that we would still be grappling with the effects more than seven months later.

Yet here we are.

We began using the hashtag, #RandolphTogether, back when the pandemic started, and it has become a message of unity, a symbol of what continues to make our community so strong—its people.

In this issue, you will read stories of bravery, creativity, and innovation. You will learn how our faculty, staff, and students stepped outside of their comfort zones to not just get better at online learning and instruction, but to embrace it with unique programs and ideas designed to engage our students and bring them a bit of campus to their homes. You will hear about students and graduates who are making the world a better place through innovation and service, and you will hear about our newly renovated athletic center, which was made possible through the generosity of our alumnae. Finally, in honor of its 60th anniversary, we also have included the story of our students' courageous involvement in Lynchburg's first civil rights sit-in.

For more than a century, this College has withstood challenges with strength, creativity, originality, and sometimes, sheer determination. The year 2020 has put us all to the test—and required all of these attributes—both personally and as an institution. And yet, once again, the people of this community have forged ahead with a shared purpose and dedication to providing the very best experience possible to our students, proving that you can use challenges as opportunities to think outside of the box and to bring light and positivity to an otherwise dark time. Together, we are a community. Together, we are a family. And together, we will always be better.

It is my belief that many years from now, when others are looking back at how we managed COVID-19 and the year 2020, they will see exactly what I do today: a community that came together to overcome a difficult time in the world. I am sure William Waugh Smith would be proud. I know I am. #RandolphTogether.

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A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Bradley W. Bateman".

Bradley W. Bateman
President

NEWS



Randolph donates personal protective equipment, supplies

Earlier this year, Randolph made two donations to aid in the fight against COVID-19. Unused personal protective equipment, or PPE—including gloves, disposable lab coats, isolation gowns, and protective masks—were given to Centra Health to help medical professionals experiencing extreme shortages of equipment. The College also loaned its 3D printer and donated transparencies and 3D printer filament to Vector Space for the production of face shields.



Political science major participates in statewide town hall

Ninfia Amador-Hernandez '23 was one of four Virginia students who participated in a Facebook Live Town Hall with U.S. Sen. Mark Warner in October. The students posed questions to Warner and also answered inquiries from those watching at home. Their discussion covered COVID-19, as well as cultural competence, inequities in healthcare access, student loan deferment, and the Communications Decency Act.



M.F.A. program graduates first cohort

Randolph's Master of Fine Arts in creative writing program celebrated its first graduating cohort this summer. Twelve students completed the program during a virtual residency in July, attending online lectures, readings, workshops, and social events. They also defended their thesis manuscripts—book-length works of fiction, nonfiction, or poetry. The program's next residency will be held this winter.



Randolph ranked 16th in nation for 'Most Accessible Professors'

Randolph College's professors were once again recognized as some of the best in the nation. The Princeton Review ranked the College 16th for most accessible professors in the 2021 edition of its college guide, *The Best 386 Colleges*—up two spots from its 18th ranking last year. Randolph has been ranked in the top 20 for four consecutive years.



New Master of Arts in Coaching and Sport Leadership welcomes first group of students

Randolph's Master of Arts in Coaching and Sport Leadership, the only one of its kind in the Old Dominion Athletic Conference, began its first cohort in July. The intensive one-year program is taught over five seven-week sessions. The curriculum includes courses in coaching psychology, research methods, coaching techniques and theories, and sport administration. Students also must complete 42 hours of practicum work during each seven-week session—adding up to more than 200 hours of hands-on, real-world experience by the time they graduate.



Kehinde Wiley sculpture featured in Maier's latest exhibit

Kehinde Wiley's *St. Francis of Adelaide*, a tabletop sculpture acquired by the College in 2020, is the centerpiece of the Maier Museum of Art's latest exhibit, *Saints and Sin: Selections from the Permanent Collection by Black Artists*. Wiley created President Barack Obama's official portrait for the National Portrait Gallery in 2018, and, last year, unveiled *Rumors of War*, a life-size bronze statue commissioned by the Virginia Museum of Fine Arts as a response to Richmond's Confederate statues. The exhibit at the Maier will remain up through April 1, 2021.



Udall Foundation recognizes Randolph student

Paige Edwards '21 was recognized by the prestigious Udall Foundation this spring for her academic achievements and leadership. In May, Edwards, who is double majoring in chemistry and environmental science, was selected as an honorable mention for the foundation's highly competitive undergraduate scholarship. She is the fifth Randolph student to be recognized by the foundation as either a scholar or an honorable mention.

The College earns Tree Campus USA designation

Randolph College was certified as an affiliate of the Arbor Day Foundation's Tree Campus USA® program in January. Randolph is the eighth institution in Virginia to earn the recognition, which honors colleges and universities in the U.S. for promoting healthy trees and engaging students and staff in the spirit of conservation.



Education professor honored with student impact award

Randolph education professor Cheryl Lindeman was named the winner of the Virginia Association of Colleges for Teacher Education (VACTE) Student Impact Award in July. The award is given each year to a faculty member who had a significant impact on an applicant to VACTE's Initial Licensure Scholarship. This year, Taylor Murphy '21 was one of three recipients of the scholarship.



Randolph is once again named one of the nation's most "green" colleges

Randolph was recently included in *The Princeton Review Guide to Green Colleges: 2021 Edition*, which recognizes the most environmentally responsible colleges in the nation. The College has been recognized by the publication for several years. Schools were chosen based on their sustainability-related policies, practices, and programs. The guide called Randolph "ambitious and forward-thinking" and touted its strides toward sustainability using "engaging, inventive practices."



Alumna's foundation awards Randolph \$30K

Randolph College was awarded \$30,000 from the Barbara C. Noyes Charitable Foundation, Inc., in October to support the Step Up to Physical Science and Engineering at Randolph program through the Annual Fund. Barbara C. Noyes '36, who died in 2015, started her foundation in 2010. A highly respected physician who practiced medicine in New Jersey, Noyes earned a degree in biology from Randolph-Macon Woman's College, a master's in chemistry from Columbia University, and a medical degree from Albany Medical College.

FACULTY AND STAFF

John Abell

*Professor of Economics and
The Carl Stern Chair of Economics*

Abell published "Redlining in Lynchburg," which analyzes Lynchburg's experience with the federal housing policies of the Home Owners' Loan Corporation, in the fall 2019 edition of *Virginia Social Science Journal*.

Sara Beck

Assistant Professor of Psychology

Child Art Magazine published "How Do Scientists Study Music?" which was written by Beck and co-author Miriam Lense, in July. This summer, Beck also discussed her research about children and their engagement with music during *Music and Mind With Renée Fleming*, a webinar series focused on the intersection of music, neuroscience, and healthcare.

Brad Bullock

The Charles A. Dana Professor of Sociology

South Asian Diaspora published an article by Bullock in August. "Indo-Caribbean Diaspora, Foreign Policy, and Iterations of Hindu Identity," co-authored with Sabita Manian, appeared in a special issue of the journal, titled *South Asian Diasporas and (Imaginary) Homelands: Transnationalism and Representations in the 21st Century*.

Amy R. Cohen

Professor of Classics and The Catherine Ehrman Thoresen '23 and William E. Thoresen Chair of Speech and Theatre

Cohen's instructional videos breaking down the popular Hansen and Quinn textbook, *Greek, an Intensive Course*, were used by several colleges including Yale University, the University of Michigan, Princeton University, Loyola Maryland, and Bryn Mawr College this spring to enhance students' online learning experience. She was also

featured on "Reading Greek Tragedy Online," an online series run by Harvard University's Center for Hellenic Studies, in August. Cohen was elected vice president of the Classical Association of Virginia this summer.

Jennifer Gauthier

Professor of Media and Culture

Gauthier published work in two publications over the summer. "Teaching World Cinema in Lockdown" appeared in *Oh, the Humanities*, a monthly newsletter focusing on news and topics in the humanities, and "Why I Did Not Watch 'Hamilton' on Disney+" was published in *Pop Matters*, a website featuring cultural criticism.

Cheryl Lindeman

Assistant Professor of Education

Lindeman was appointed to a three-year term on the Virginia Advisory Committee for Education of the Gifted in July. She published work in two publications—"Informal STEM Learning: Cultivating Curiosity" in *The International Journal of Science, Mathematics, and Technology Learning* and "Making Research Real by Sharing Visual Displays with Community Partners" in the *Journal of Science Education*. Over the summer, she also presented at the 27th International Conference on Learning and, this fall, was one of six presenters chosen for the National Association of Biology Teachers' first Inclusion Symposium.

David Schwartz

Professor of Philosophy and The Mary Frances Williams Chair in Humanities

In October, *Environmental Values* published Schwartz's article, "Art History, Natural History, and the Aesthetic Interpretation of Nature," which examines scholar Allen Carlson's view that knowledge from the natural sciences offers the best framework for

aesthetically appreciating nature.

Aaron Shreve

Assistant Professor of Political Science

Shreve presented the paper, "Buying Status: How Status Inconsistency Influences Foreign Aid Allocation," at the American Political Science Association annual conference this fall. The conference was held virtually.

Peter Sheldon

The Charles A. Dana Professor of Physics and Engineering

Sheldon recorded an online lecture for the College Board's Advanced Placement (AP) program this fall. The board published the lectures to help students and teachers navigate online learning, focusing each video on one unit from each AP course. Sheldon's lecture on fluid was among the first to go live in October.

Susan Stevens

Professor of Classics and The Catherine E. and William E. Thoresen Chair in Humanities

Stevens published "Loci sancti Carthagine: the Presence of Saints in Communal Worship and Private Piety" in the *Journal of Roman Archaeology* in August. All articles in the issue were about archaeology of the ancient city of Carthage.

Karin Warren

The Herzog Family Professor of Environmental Studies

Over the summer, Warren presented in and moderated two virtual sessions—"Connecting Campus and Communities for Climate Justice" and "Getting the Most of External Reviews: Before, During, and After"—during the Association for Environmental Studies and Sciences (AESS) annual conference. She also was elected to a second term on the AESS Board of Directors in June.



READY FOR

ACTION



Newly renovated athletic center designed to meet the needs of students

After more than two years of renovations, Randolph's new athletic center is ready for action.

The project, which cost about \$5 million, was made possible by generous donors who contributed \$3 million. This included two leadership gifts, including one from emerita trustee Mary Michels Scovanner '77, for whom the center is now named, and the other from an anonymous donor.



A view of the newly renovated athletic facility, now called the MAC.



The main walkway leading to the MAC was refurbished. In addition, the lobby was expanded and completely renovated.

“It is everything a student-athlete could want, with upgrades that are going to help us work harder than ever. **The facility was made for sports teams to have a better, more enjoyable experience, but everyone will find value in it.**”

— Madi Tyree '23, Women's Basketball

The Michels Athletic Center (MAC) features state-of-the-art facilities designed to meet the needs not only of Randolph's growing athletic program but the entire campus community.

“This renovation will have a dramatic impact on student life,” said Bradley Bateman, Randolph's president. “Our student-athletes will have access to a significantly improved facility, but our entire community will be able to take advantage of this more inviting and usable space. Randolph's students are committed scholars who realize that a well-balanced, healthy life includes both the mind and the body. Providing a welcoming environment to promote that philosophy is important to us.”

Mary Michels Scovanner was a student-athlete during her time at Randolph-Macon Woman's College,

playing field hockey and lacrosse. She has been a major contributor to student life in recent years. Among her contributions was funding for Michels Plaza during the Student Center renovation.

“We are grateful to Mary Scovanner and the anonymous donor who together made these changes possible,” Bateman said.

The renovation brings the building into the modern era, said Mitch Wesolowski, Randolph's vice president for finance and administration.

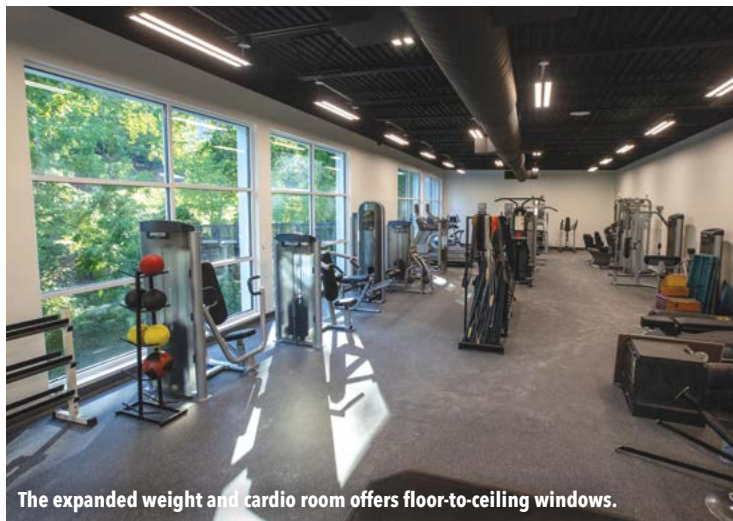
“It will add to the recruitment efforts of our athletes, as well as the entire student body, because you have facilities that all students can use,” he said. “That's an important item for us, looking forward to the future, to have a facility that meets those technology and infrastructure needs.”



Coaches now all have offices in the same building.



New team rooms are more spacious with flat-screen TVs, large lockers, and other amenities.



The expanded weight and cardio room offers floor-to-ceiling windows.



An outside view of the main floor of the MAC

Constructed in 1962, the building has gone by several names during its existence. In addition to its most recent name as the Randolph Athletics and Dance (RAD) center, it was formerly known as the Physical Education and Recreation (PER) Building. Smaller updates were completed in 1993 and 2000. And in 2015, the dance studio received new, modern flooring, courtesy of another donor, Sue-Gray Goller '73. But the latest renovation is the largest and most expensive.

The first three phases were completed this fall, while construction on phase four, which will add a lane to the center's five-lane pool along with other updates, is set for next summer.

The first step of the project was the renovation of the Frances and Don Giles Gymnasium, which received new flooring, air conditioning, enhanced lighting, energy-efficient windows, and a wheelchair lift to make the stands more accessible, among other improvements. The upgrade to the gym was funded through numerous donations in honor of Don and Frances Jones Giles '65, both trustee emeriti.

"The upgrades made to the gym have impacted my program the most," said Head Volleyball Coach Kara Matthews. "We begin pre-season in August, in the heat of the summer, so the addition of air conditioning has monumentally changed my athletes' experience."

Now that the second and third phases are complete, the MAC features an upgraded entrance, a new fitness center/weight room with floor-to-ceiling windows that overlook West Campus Drive, and a new aerobics room, all located on the main floor. Locker rooms, team rooms, and athletic training areas were enhanced, and additional offices, conference rooms, a concession area, and an elevator were added.

"We've expanded support spaces to adequately accommodate our growing programs," said Kevin Porterfield, associate athletic director and head women's soccer coach. "The weight room is a more usable space that will allow teams to work out together rather than in smaller groups, and the athletic training room has a larger capacity than our previous room."



A new, modern-looking lobby leads to Giles Gym, which was renovated last year.



The renovation also included office space for all of the coaches.

"It creates a stronger community and convenience," Matthews said. "The people here at Randolph College are what make this place special, so being together under the same roof will allow us to grow together and share more of our everyday experiences."

The team rooms are a big hit among coaches and students. The old facility had two—one for men's teams and one for women's, all shared among in-season teams—with wooden cubbies where students could put their things during games and practices.

Four team rooms means no sharing is required, and the new spaces are decked out in team colors with full-size lockers, flat-screen TVs (allowing coaches to break down game film), and new carpeting with the WildCat logo front and center.



The building now includes an enhanced side entrance and a new elevator that provides better accessibility.



The new training room is larger, providing room for an office as well as more space to meet the growing needs of the athletic program.



Multiple team rooms offer space for both the WildCats and visiting teams.

"It is everything a student athlete could ever want, with upgrades that are going to help us work harder than ever," said Madi Tyree '23, a forward on the women's basketball team. "The facility was made for sports teams to have a better, more enjoyable experience, but everyone will find value in it. It's too nice

not to. I always say you have to look good to play good, and if that's the case, then boy are we going to play good."

Randolph has consistently worked to meet the needs of students, said Athletic Director Tony Berich.

"When you add everything

together—since I've been here, we've replaced the turf at the stadium, resurfaced the tennis courts, and now this—our athletic facilities are definitely in the upper echelon of the ODAC," he said. "It puts us on par with the other schools in the conference, which is one of the top conferences in the country."

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— Tony Berich, Director of Athletics



Sunny days are ahead! ☀️

We Miss All Our Students and Their Smiling (most of the time) Faces.
Wash Your Hands
Stay Healthy
Come Back to See Us in The Fall!
Let's (NOT) Go [OUT] Wildcats!

THIS TOO SHALL PASS

Keep the best going!

you've got this!

Heart broken without you!

We miss you!
- your Randolph family is here for you

Thinking of you! Hang in there!

Circuits Make You Crazy?
WE MISS YOU!

I miss all your faces but know you will do great on me!
#RandolphTogether

Hello Randolph Community we can do this!

GO WILDCATS
YOU ARE SO MISSED! BUT YOU CAN DO IT! #PERSEVERE

You've Got This!

Missing the party on the road

Succeed we will!
#RandolphTogether

Stay Positive
We can't wait to see you this fall!

Can't wait to meet all your furry family members next week
Here's mine

your Randolph family is behind you and believes in you!

HERE LET WISDOM RISE!

Randolph students rock!

LYLA AND I Say
You GOT THIS LIKE

We've GOT THIS!

What a fine day for science!
#online

GO WILDCATS
RC STUDENTS SHOOT & TIE

We believe in you!

Randolph students already know how to think critically, engage creatively and work honorably. We can do that from home, so let's do this thing!
#RandolphTogether

What a fine day for science!
#online

Randolph College Works Remote!

We believe in YOU!!!

WE ARE ALL IN THIS TOGETHER, AND TOGETHER WE CAN DO THIS...ONE DAY AT A TIME

DANCE WITH CHANGE!

#Randolph Together

Randolph professors take online learning to a new level with creative ways to engage students

It's mid-March inside Wimberly Recital Hall, and music professor Randall Speer is wildly waving his arms in front of a collection of iPhones strategically placed around the room on music stands, recording his every move.

When Randolph transitioned to online learning at the beginning of the pandemic, faculty members had to immediately adapt, finding unique ways to reach their students across space and time.

Speer and fellow music professor Emily Yap Chua figured out how to work with and assess their students from afar—hence the videos of Speer conducting. Those recordings were sent to students so they could record themselves performing along to the same master track.

Environmental studies professor Karin Warren held office hours via Zoom, adding different backgrounds to entertain her students (everything from Hogwarts to the deck of the Starship Enterprise). She also set up a server on the gaming platform Discord to make herself easily available for voice and message chat.

Biology professor Amanda Rumore condensed her normally 50-minute classes into 15- to 20-minute video lectures, taking students' screen time into account. She and many other faculty members also made sure they were available for live meetings to check in with their students.



(Opposite page) In the spring, Randolph faculty and staff shared inspiring and funny messages for students on social media.

"I love just talking to them about what's going on in their lives and how their other classes are going," she said. "That's the one thing I missed, and what makes Randolph so special. We do still have those connections."

Professors across every discipline not only had to learn new technologies, they had to adapt their curriculums to fit a virtual setting—all with very little notice. Almost immediately, institutional technology staff members began offering short workshops in Zoom and Google Meet and worked one-on-one with faculty to meet the needs of both professors and students. Faculty with more experience in online learning also volunteered to help their colleagues.

"I see our faculty's response as not an isolated reaction to our current circumstance, but an extreme example of qualities that have long been strengths of the Randolph College faculty, like accessibility, student-centeredness, and empathy," said Provost Carl Girelli. "Our faculty have met the shift to remote learning as a challenge and an opportunity to gain and share skills, many of which will enrich the academic experience beyond this moment of crisis."

When the College decided to continue online learning for the fall semester, faculty were ready.

"Professors have been more flexible and as easy going as ever," Josh Bowes '23 said. "They're allowing more time on assignments and papers—a must with online learning and added complications like COVID-19. I'm appreciative of how readily available they've been. Most respond very fast and are always thorough in their answers and help."

Bowes, a global studies major, said economics professor John Abell has been holding "interesting and extensive" lectures twice per week, focusing on different economic topics.

"Professors are noticeably going out of their way to make classes engaging," he said.

English professor Laura-Gray Street said they've been able to do that because the decision to go online came early in the

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Sustainability Coordinator Allison Brooks works with Karin Warren, an environmental studies professor, to record a virtual tour of the Organic Garden.





Music professor Randall Speer records himself conducting for the cameras last spring.

summer, giving them ample time to plan.

"It was a great gift," she said. "We had all these tech trainings and sessions on pedagogy. I learned a lot, so I felt equipped coming into this fall semester with some confidence, with some tech tools that I didn't have in the spring, and an idea of how to organize it better."

Street said she and many of her colleagues have been able to find the silver linings.

"This has actually been a great boost for reinvigorating and refreshing my teaching," she said. "There are things we will be able to take into face-to-face teaching and enhance it."

A jumpstart

Before the semester even began, a

group of first-year students got a head start in online learning, thanks to two special programs

Step Up to Physical Science and Engineering at Randolph (SUPER) and Summer Transition at Randolph (STAR) began online in mid-August, condensing their usual two weeks into one.

Participating students also received care packages that included books, school supplies, Randolph swag, party games, and even lab kits for those enrolled in SUPER.

"The whole point of the programs is creating a sense of community, so that was really scary coming into it," said physics and engineering professor Peter Sheldon, who is also director of SUPER. "It made such a difference just to send them something. In the end, it was giving these students an

opportunity to be equal partners in what we were doing."

Kai Miller '24, who was enrolled in STAR, said the experience helped prepare them for taking classes online this fall, offering experience on how to turn in assignments, use the course management system Moodle, and write emails to professors.

"My time in the program was absolutely amazing," Miller said. "It's helped me a lot this first semester and, if I'm being honest, if I hadn't taken it, I could really see myself struggling."

The programs offered an added benefit beyond Randolph's orientation program for first-years and other new students. Miller said it taught students something else as well: "That while we were online, we could still have a good time together."

Keeping the performing arts alive

Virtual learning presents a particular challenge to disciplines like music and theatre, but recent advances in technology have made a difference from the spring to fall semesters.

"On all these video conferencing programs, it's unidirectional on the microphones. Sound only travels in one direction," music professor Emily Yap Chua said when the College first transitioned to online classes. "We couldn't do it where students could be singing at the same time as another musician. There's also the delay for sound transmission, so that's a problem that is really unique to instruction in our discipline."

Apps developed over the summer addressed some of those problems, creating ways for participants to record themselves playing along to a guide track. The software then puts the individual videos together into one audio or video file.

"We can take it and play it back to

them," Chua said. "There's a very low lag time between their performance and when they get feedback."

Theatre professor Stephanie Earl took the opportunity to provide her students with real-world experience, adding tutorials on how to create audition tapes.

"It used to be that all of your auditions, you did in person. You could make it there to audition, or you couldn't," Earl said. "Now I'd say about half of what actors do, even in theatre, is send in tape of themselves. That ended up being an incredibly useful thing in the spring, and I've kind of dug into that even more this fall. I'm trying to give my students lots of tutorials and have them put that into practice. For those who are going to pursue acting work, they're going to be that much more ahead of the curve."

Chua said the process has been helpful for her students as well, giving them more insight into the technical side of audio and video production.

"They're learning things about

microphone placement and microphone gain, and the kind of things you have to do in order to make a recording sound good. It's just helping them think about all elements of the presentation of the performance," she said.

"Anything we can do that helps them see that we're still creating and still performing in the capacity we have now, I think is important."

A personalized experience—at home

From biology to theatre, faculty and staff worked to send a taste of Randolph to students this fall.

Visiting biology professor Erin Heller and biology lab technician Sara Harper put together dissection lab kits for students taking Heller's zoology course. Each package included 10-week's worth of specimens and other supplies to work with at home. Students completed a different dissection each week, and Heller held a mix of synchronous and asynchronous class meetings, so they'd have



the option of walking through the labs with her.

"The reason you come to a school like Randolph is to get that one-on-one, personalized experience," Harper said. "Erin could have chosen to do virtual dissections, but that's not the same level of experience. This way, we're able to offer the same experience they would normally be getting on campus at home, which is essential for our majors."

Faculty from all disciplines thought of creative ways to reach students. Heather Sinclair, the theatre technical director, sent supplies to students taking her scenic design and stagecraft classes. They would ship their final projects back to her for grading.

Classics professor Amy R. Cohen sent costuming elements to her cast for a virtual reading of the Greek Play, while English professor Laura-Gray Street collaborated with Pearl S. Buck Writer in Residence Fran Wilde to gather items for students taking her master class in October.

"Having something that promotes community really helps unify a class," Wilde said. "Even just the act of opening the box is something a class does together. That's a communal experience at that point. We're figuring out how we connect across these sort of impossible distances."

Their box included copies of Wilde's books, a handwritten letter from her, and notecards and postcards featuring her sketches.

"The hallmark of an education at Randolph is the close, personal attention given to every student," said Bradley Bateman, Randolph's president. "Though our method of delivery may have been different, that commitment has not changed during this pandemic. COVID-19 presented challenges to everyone in higher education, but our faculty took it in stride and went above and beyond what was expected, creating innovative programs and curriculums that showed their dedication to our students and to teaching. Our community has come together to face this pandemic and displayed extraordinary strength and resilience. We should all be proud."

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Theatre professor Stephanie Earl records a tutorial for students this fall.



Randolph receives \$1 million grant from NSF

For years, Randolph College's Step Up to Physical Science and Engineering at Randolph (SUPER) program has worked to help students, both financially and academically, as they pursue demanding undergraduate courses.

Now, thanks to a nearly \$1 million grant from the National Science Foundation (NSF), the College will expand the program to include mental health and inclusion initiatives, with the goal of supporting student well-being and resilience to advance undergraduate degree completion in STEM fields.

"This past year, at the largest gathering of physics students in the world, mental health was identified as students' number one concern in being successful in college," said physics and engineering professor Peter Sheldon, who runs the SUPER program. "We hope to help our students overcome these and other challenges they face."

This is the third time the College has received a grant from the NSF in support of SUPER. In 2013, Randolph was awarded a \$600,000 grant that helped expand the program, followed in 2016 by \$1 million that funded it through 2021.

"Receiving funding from the NSF for a third round is a huge honor and recognition of all of the steps we are taking to continually

improve the program," said physics and environmental science professor Sarah Sojka. "The NSF does not typically support programs this many times, which makes this grant particularly exciting."

Created in 2010, SUPER is a four-year program that provides scholarships to a select number of students each year. It includes academic services, tutoring, special mentoring opportunities, and career guidance support for those interested in science, math, engineering, and technology.

It also includes a two-week college transition program held just before classes start in August, which offers participants a head start on their coursework.

The new NSF funds, to be distributed over five years, will provide at least 32 students with scholarships and build on already existing support services. Additional programming will include resilience training during the summer transition program and a year-long series of "Wellness Wednesdays" that focus on academic, social, and emotional/mental health wellness, as well as implicit bias training for faculty and students.

Sheldon and Sojka wrote the proposal with fellow professors Jesse Kern and Meghan Halbrook.

"It means so much to be able to help the students financially," Sheldon said, "and to

also offer programming to give every student a step up to get ahead and stay ahead in college."

Sojka said they'll also work to get the College to at least a 3-star rating on the Campus Pride Index, a national benchmarking tool for colleges to create safer and more inclusive campus communities for LGBTQIA students.

"We will be partnering with offices across campus," she said. "I am very excited about this approach because it recognizes that we can better equip students for the challenges of college and continually work to improve how supportive and inclusive our campus environment is, removing or reducing some of the challenges students face."

The NSF's continued support is a testament to the students in the program and the education they receive at Randolph.

"Across the country, many students who begin college interested in the sciences drop out, either of college overall or out of the sciences. Some students leave to pursue other interests but many leave because they struggle, feel excluded from the STEM community, or face mental health challenges," she said. "With each version of the SUPER program, we have worked to address more and more of these issues."

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— Peter Sheldon, The Charles A. Dana Professor of Physics & Engineering and Director of the Center for Student Research

INNOVATION AWARDING



File photos of students participating in Randolph's SUPER and STAR programs during previous years

Remembering the PATTERSON SIX

A decision to make a stand for civil rights earned two R-MWC students jail time—and a spot in history

Editor's Note: This year marks the 60th anniversary of Lynchburg's first civil rights sit-in. Two of the College's students were members of the Patterson Six, as they came to be called, and were ultimately jailed for their actions. The following story about that defining moment in Lynchburg's history was first published by Randolph College in the fall of 2010. Rebecca Mays Owen '61, one of the Patterson Six, passed away in 2002, and William Quillian, Jr., then-president of R-MWC, died in 2014. Mary Edith Bentley Abu-Saba '61 also passed away in October 2020.

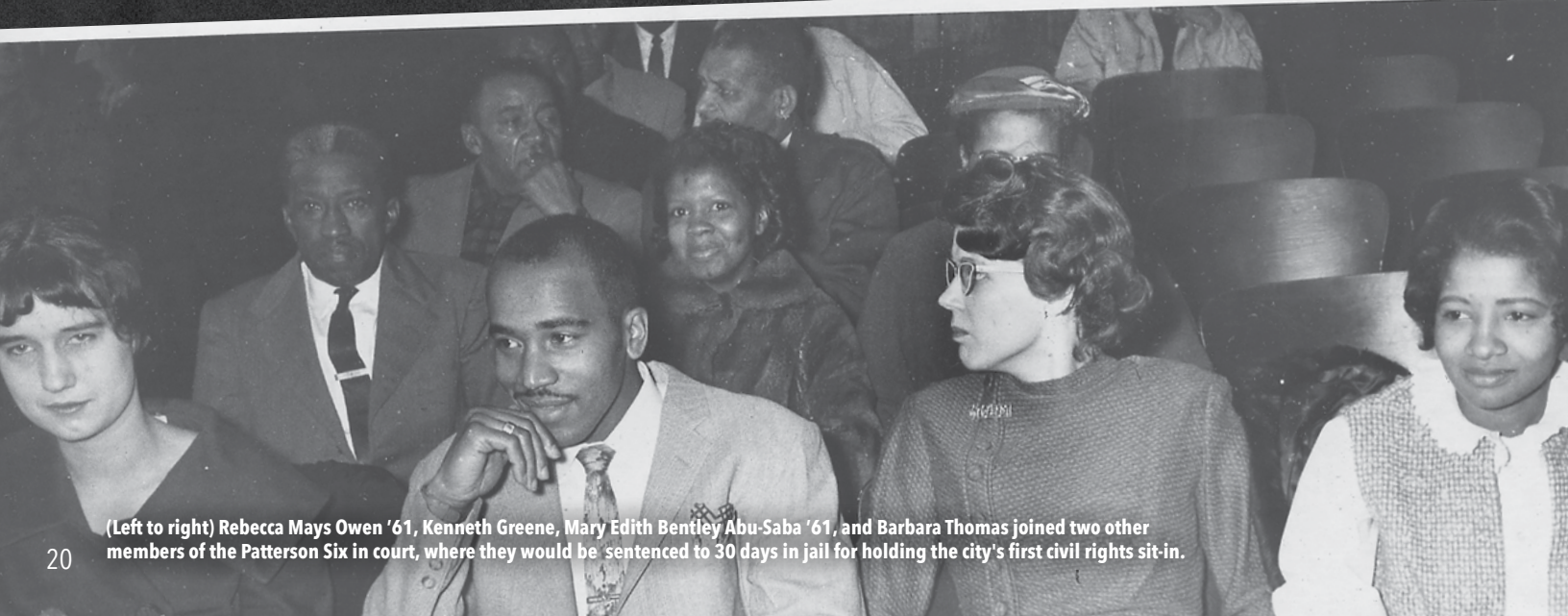
On December 14, 1960, four white and two African American college students—including Randolph-Macon Woman's College students Mary Edith Bentley Abu-Saba '61 and Rebecca Mays Owen '61—entered a Lynchburg drugstore hoping to convince the owner to let them have coffee together.

The result—the city's first sit-in—landed the college students in jail, prompted additional sit-ins from classmates, and ignited a firestorm of controversy throughout the city, all the while teaching the R-MWC students involved a few

important lessons about life, social justice, and courage.

'I told her I'd go if she promised we'd be back by dinnertime'

Mary Edith Bentley Abu-Saba '61 had just finished eating lunch on December 14, 1960, when her good friend Rebecca Mays Owen '61 asked for a favor. They were both members—along with about a dozen of their classmates—in a local group affiliated with the YWCA. Consisting of African American and white students from local colleges and the community,



(Left to right) Rebecca Mays Owen '61, Kenneth Greene, Mary Edith Bentley Abu-Saba '61, and Barbara Thomas joined two other members of the Patterson Six in court, where they would be sentenced to 30 days in jail for holding the city's first civil rights sit-in.



Patterson Drug Store, which was located in downtown Lynchburg, was the site of the city's first civil rights sit-in.

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— Mary Edith Bentley Abu-Saba '61

the group met frequently—much to the chagrin of local alumnae and community members—to talk about college, life, and racial relations.

Some of those students planned to visit a local lunch counter that evening in hopes of persuading the owner to serve African Americans. Owen wanted Abu-Saba to go. "I told her I was on my way right that second to Presser Hall to practice for my music lesson the next day," Abu-Saba said. "I told her I'd go if she promised we'd be back by dinnertime."

Abu-Saba never made the rehearsal session. That split-second decision changed both of their lives and carved a prominent spot for the young students in Lynchburg's civil rights history.

"We weren't out to make history"

On that afternoon just before winter break, Owen and Abu-Saba joined Lynchburg College students James Hunter and Terrill Brumback and Virginia Theological Seminary and College students Barbara Thomas and Kenneth Green at the doors of Patterson's Drug Store in downtown Lynchburg.

Later dubbed the Patterson Six, the four white and two African American students did not plan to hold a sit-in, though they had heard about a few others that had been held in Greensboro, North Carolina, and other larger cities. What they really

wanted was to talk with William S. Patterson, the owner of the drug store, and explain why he should change his lunch counter rules. Lunch counters in four other downtown stores had been integrated during the previous month, and the students wanted to see the remaining stores follow suit.

"We didn't have a big plan," said Abu-Saba, who went on to become a psychologist and outreach director for a California-based nonprofit organization that rebuilds Palestinian homes and schools. "We weren't out to make history. We just wanted him to come around to our way of thinking. I think we really believed he would just change his mind after we talked to him."

The students entered the store and asked to speak to Mr. Patterson. When he refused to come out, they reconvened outside.

"We stood out there on the corner and talked about it," Abu-Saba remembered. "And then we went back in and sat down and asked for coffee."

It was something Owen and Abu-Saba had done many times during their college years. This time, however, was different. The waitress started pouring coffee and then froze when she saw the African American students. Soon after, a red-faced Mr. Patterson stormed out to the lunch counter and demanded the students leave.

"Nobody said a word. We all just looked at each other. He said he'd call the police. And we just looked at each other again, and nobody got up. I was scared, but I was feeling stubborn. **I felt connected with the spiritual, mental thing inside you that says 'I'm going to try and do the right thing.'**"

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'Just stand up and walk out'

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The police arrived, and an officer gave the students one more chance. "You can end this right now," he reportedly told the students. "Just stand up and walk out."

Abu-Saba remembers telling herself she was not going to move and catching the same sentiment in the eyes of her friends. "We all just stubbornly sat there," she added with a soft chuckle. "And the rest is history because of our stubbornness."

Newspaper reporters and photographers arrived at the lunch counter shortly after the police and snapped photographs of the students as they were arrested on trespassing charges. "My mom later saw the newspaper photograph with my chin jugged out and said, 'I know that look. That's your stubborn look,'" Abu-Saba said.

A patrol wagon pulled up and took the students to jail, where they "arrived too late for supper," according to a story in the December 15 edition of *The News*, one of Lynchburg's daily newspapers. The police separated the students by gender and race in the jail. Owen and Abu-Saba sat quietly in the cell together, unsure of what would happen next. Owen called her good friend Alice Hilseweck Ball '61, who was also a member of the YWCA student group.

"Mary Edith told me I needed to call somebody to help get them out," Ball remembered. "I don't think they really thought they were going to end up in jail that day, but they did. They picked the toughest drugstore."

Phone calls began circulating around campus, and Mary Frances Thelen, the girls' religion professor, called R-MWC President William Quillian, Jr. at home to break

the news. Quillian remembers calling A. Montague White, the College's business manager, and the pair went down to the jail to post the \$1,000 bond for each of the R-MWC students. In total, the students spent about three hours in jail that evening.

It was a night neither they nor Quillian would ever forget. "It was the only time I ever had to go bail out students from jail," he laughingly remembered. "That never happened again, I'm happy to say."

'...You wondered if this was the right way to go about it'

Quillian knew a group of R-MWC students had been meeting for months around town with African American students and members of the community, and he supported their efforts, though many in the R-MWC community did not. Even before the sit-in, he received a visit at home from 12 local alumnae who vehemently opposed those meetings.

"They thought this business of R-MWC students meeting with Black community members must stop. They did not think it was proper. I think they were surprised when I told them I thought it was a good thing," Quillian commented.

The student sit-in, however, brought mixed emotions.

"You believed in what they were standing for, but you wondered if this was the right way to go about it," he said.

Quillian and many others in the city had been working behind the scenes trying to convince businesses to desegregate. They were slowly making progress.

"That's why many of us had mixed feelings about the sit-in," Quillian said. "There were members of that commission who felt the sit-in was counterproductive and would set back the progress we had made."

The fallout

The local newspapers, known for their opposition to integration, printed large



Rebecca Mays Owen '61

photographs and articles about the Patterson Six protest the next day. Many alumnae were outraged, and members of the community accused R-MWC's president and faculty members of instigating the sit-in. Members of the interracial commission distanced themselves from the students' protest, while others in the community applauded their courage. On R-MWC's campus, the reaction was mixed.

Joy Mitchell Price '61 remembers how news of the sit-ins enveloped campus. "I was so proud of them," said Price, who was also a member of the YWCA race relations group.

She later went on to become a writer and created a nonprofit agency in Maryland that provides mental health programs and services, including a rape crisis center. "No one knew they were going to do the sit-in, but I remember thinking I needed to be as supportive of them as I could," Price said. "Most people had nothing to say, and a lot of people only talked to their close friends. The atmosphere was pretty tense at times and some really chastised them.

"The fact that members of my class

had taken this step just made me proud of them," she added. "I have always felt glad to have been there when it happened."

Abu-Saba remembers friends who refused to speak to her, and her music professor sat her down for a long talk. "He told me he applauded me, but at the same time, he was scared for me," she said.

In the newspaper accounts, the students vehemently denied rumors their professors put them up to the sit-in.

Quillian faced mounting pressure to expel the girls. Several trustees demanded he take the matter to the Board of Trustees; he refused on grounds that it was an administrative matter.

The day after

Emotions ran high the day after the sit-in as R-MWC prepared to close for the holidays. That evening, Owen and Abu-Saba were brought before the Judiciary Committee where they learned they would not be expelled. They did endure "stern" disapproval from the College administration for breaking the law and

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— William Quillian, Jr.,
Former R-MWC President



(Left to right) Mary Edith Bentley, Abu-Saba '61, James Hunter, Barbara Thomas, and Rebecca Mays Owen '61 wait outside the courthouse before their trial in January 1961.



had to promise not to be involved in more protests.

Even as the Judiciary Committee was meeting to decide the fate of Owen and Abu-Saba, Ball, Jane Meredith Wolf '61, Lynda Blackwood '62, and Virginia Shearer Renick '62 joined Miriam Gaines, an African American student from a local high school, at People's Drug Store downtown.

"It seemed that it was very important for there to be a second sit-in quickly," said Ball, "so it didn't look like the first was an isolated incident. We needed them to know that there were other people who felt the same way. Patterson's wasn't the only one being discriminatory."

According to newspaper accounts of the incident, the R-MWC students ordered sodas. When the drinks arrived, Ball silently slid her soda over to Miriam Gaines.

"I don't think we were even thinking about how we could get arrested," remembered Wolf, who spent her professional career as a United

Way director, an office administrator, and a real estate agent. "It was so close to closing time, and we just felt like it was something we needed to do."

The students quietly drank their sodas as the manager turned out the lights and closed the store. A photographer from the local newspaper was waiting outside when they left the store. "It was startling," Wolf said. "You know you've done the right thing. But I don't think we weighed any of the consequences at the time. We just did it."

The experience, though scary at the time, helped Wolf gain confidence. "It gave me the courage to say and do what I thought was right in my life," she said. "It was liberating to do the right thing and to know that you have a little bit of courage when you need it. I've taken some controversial stands in my life, and I think knowing that I did this when I was in college gave me the confidence to stand up for other issues later."

R-MWC's students left for winter break,

leaving Quillian to manage the enduring outcry from the community. The College lost several large financial supporters over the issue. Three R-MWC trustees resigned publicly after Quillian refused to let the Board handle the decision.

"It was a difficult time," he said. "The lines were pretty well drawn in our community. I was devoted to all of our students, and I was torn as to how best to deal with a situation like this. I respected them and I shared their concerns, but I wasn't sure this was the best way under the circumstances to try and bring change when others were trying to bring change in a different way."

Facing their sentence

When the students returned to campus in January, 1961, Owen and Abu-Saba faced a packed court hearing where they were found guilty and received the maximum sentence—30 days in jail. They appealed the verdict.

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(Left) Mary Edith Bentley Abu-Sabu '61 wipes away tears as she waits outside the courtroom.



Barbara Thomas (left) and Rebecca Mays Owen '61 are arrested during a sit-in at a lunch counter in Lynchburg that refused to integrate in 1960.

"Looking back at it, I think I was braver than I certainly felt at the time. It was a boundary I stepped across. It was a defining moment for me. **It was the first time in my life that I stood up and said this isn't right, and I can do something about it.** I'm very proud to say I did. I doubt any of us ever regretted it."

— Alice Hilseweck Ball '61

courthouse on February 6, the day of their appeal, carrying a large pocketbook filled with a nightgown, clean underwear, and a toothbrush. To enter the building, they had to walk through a small path in a large, scary crowd. "There was this group of people holding tire chains as we walked down. They were really ferocious-looking, and I remember being really scared. We just walked briskly and didn't look around too much."

No one but their lawyer knew they were dropping their appeal, and people were shocked as the six students were led away in handcuffs. Ball remembers being in the courtroom and watching her friends face their sentence.

"The absolute point of redemption in this whole thing was that they decided Lynchburg would never change if they weren't willing to go to jail and have the city have to deal with six college kids in jail just because they wanted to have coffee at a counter in Lynchburg together," Ball said.

Jail proved to be boring and difficult. The two R-MWC students shared a small cell with bunk beds and a toilet in the middle of the room. Their belongings were examined, their mail opened, and the jail officials refused to allow several of their textbooks.

"It was interesting to see the jailers' response when we visited," Quillian said. "They couldn't turn us away, but they didn't quite know how to deal with it. They seemed puzzled when we showed up bringing books."

The students passed the time studying. Abu-Saba, unable to practice for her upcoming music recitals, made a paper keyboard to rehearse. Owen wrote letters home to her family, glossing over the conditions. They were released 10 days early for good behavior and returned to campus where they tried to focus on preparing for life after college. But that spur-of-the-moment decision on a winter's afternoon in December 1960 would ensure their lives—and the lives of many others—would never be the same.

'I knew it was what I wanted to do. But I felt shame.'

After graduation from R-MWC, Owen, whose family was outraged at the sit-in controversy, moved to New York to earn her graduate degree. She later opened her own psychotherapy business. While she kept in touch with several of her close classmates over the years, her anger at the reaction from many in the community lingered during her adult life.

Owen returned to campus in 2000 to deliver a speech for the College's Martin Luther King Jr. event. During that speech, she vividly remembered the silence that occurred in the drugstore the afternoon the students sat down at the counter.

"It was in that moment in that drugstore I saw in their faces the mirror of something—incredibly obscene is the word that comes to mind," she said. "Something dirty. The spectacle of white and Black students sitting

at a lunch counter together. To be seen that way, to see myself in that mirror, was a strange experience. I was not ashamed of what I was doing. I knew it was what I wanted to do. But I felt shame."

In 2002, she died after a battle with cancer.

'I stood up for what I believed in'

Abu-Saba's history-making decision in college was the first step in a life filled with fighting for social justice. "My part in the civil rights movement was a small one, but I stood up for what I believed in," she said.

After graduation, she and her husband lived in Lebanon and Saudi Arabia, as well as the United States.

During that time, she became passionate about social justice issues facing the Palestinian people. She and her husband were involved in women's rights issues, and she later became involved in the gay and lesbian marriage issue in California. She also worked with a nonprofit that helped rebuild homes and schools in Palestine.

"You can't deny people a place at the table," Abu-Saba said. "It's a spiritual response. I don't believe we should oppress other human beings. I don't think we are here to mistreat people. I learned some of it from home, but I also learned some of it from R-MWC. Those teachers we had, they taught this to us from books, from an intellectual point of view, and from a poignant point of view. That changed my life."

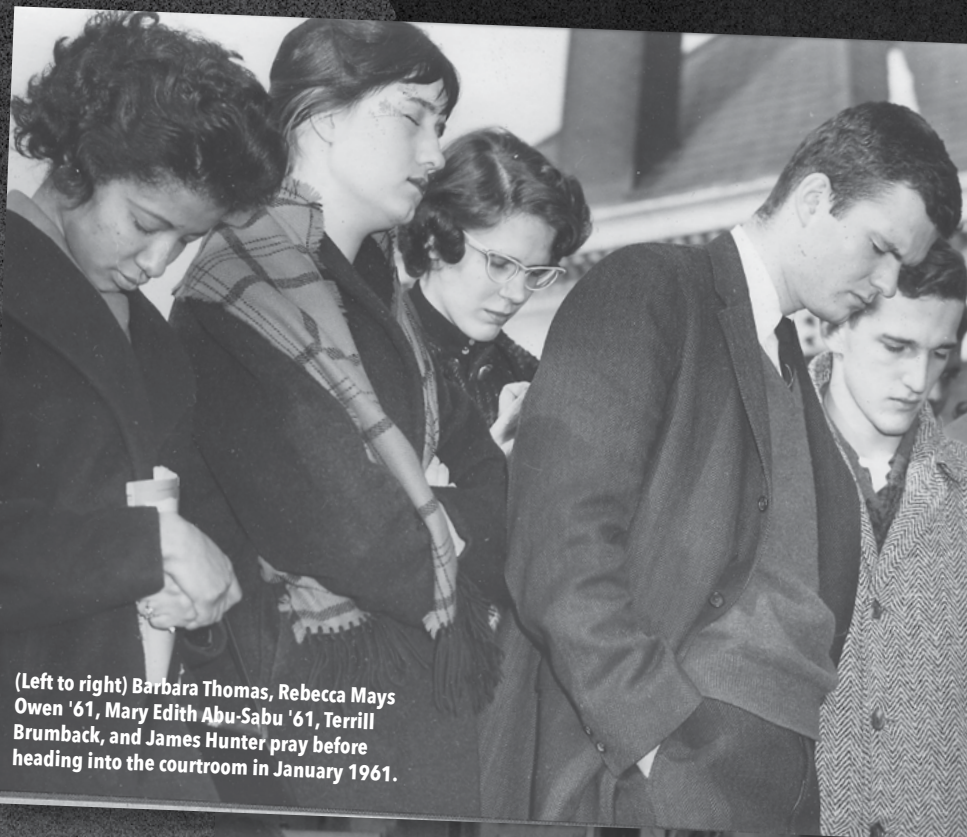
A defining moment

Ball finds it hard to believe so many decades have passed since the sit-ins. "I never thought about that time as being brave," she said. "But it became something I could go back to later in life. It was a thing that was so right."

Her passions in life have revolved around righting what is wrong in the world, speaking up when others stay quiet, and empowering people to bring about change. Her work helping battered women, foster children, and young girls earned her national recognition. She has also worked as a mediator and trainer for an alternative dispute resolution center in Atlanta.

On the day of Barack Obama's inauguration, Ball called Miriam Gaines, the African American student she shared a soda with at People's Drug. The two women had not talked since the sit-ins.

"Looking back at it, I think I was braver than I certainly felt at the time," Ball said. "It was a boundary I stepped across. It was a defining moment for me. It was the first time in my life that I stood up and said this isn't right, and I can do something about it. I'm very proud to say I did. I doubt any of us ever regretted it."



(Left to right) Barbara Thomas, Rebecca Mays Owen '61, Mary Edith Abu-Sabu '61, Terrill Brumback, and James Hunter pray before heading into the courtroom in January 1961.



(Left to right) Kenneth Green, Mary Edith Bentley Abu-Sabu '61, and James Hunter are photographed by the press shortly before being arrested during a sit-in at Patterson Drug Store.



(Left to right) Miriam Gaines, a local high school student, joined Jane Meredith Wolf '61, Virginia Shearer Renick '62, Alice Hilseweck Ball '61, and Lynda Blackwood '62, for a sit-in protest at People's Drug Store shortly after the arrest of the Patterson Six.

—Wyatt Mays Photo
Meredith, Virginia Shearer, Alice Hilseweck and Linda Blackwood.

THEY DRANK THEIR DRINKS—Five girls who drank soft drinks at a Main Street drug counter leave. They are Miriam Gaines, Jane

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BUILDING RANDOLPH

Last spring, in the early days of the pandemic, a group of students completing their semester online found a way to bring a little piece of Randolph back into their lives.

Led by Esports Head Coach Jordan Oliver, they worked to recreate the College's campus inside Minecraft, a world-building video game.

The build began as a class project for Shenandoah University's esports major but soon evolved into a friendly competition, where students from other Virginia colleges and universities created their own virtual campuses.

It became a way for them to stay connected to their respective schools when they couldn't be together in person.

"It is amazing to see and talk with each other about what places we each remember most vividly," Oliver said at the time. "You realize that this second home has different nuances that we each hold dear. You have this overall picture of Randolph in your mind and rely on

each other to fill in the blanks. We easily spent more time reminiscing than we did building."

The esports team, which began its first official season in September, maintained those connections among students as online learning continued into the fall semester.

Thirty students signed intent to compete forms for the fall and spring seasons, Oliver said, and about half played this fall in the National Association of Collegiate eSports (NACE) league.

They also found time to play together outside of practices and competitions.

"Most of us know each other very well. We like hanging out together," said Jaylan Thompson '22, who competed in one of the team's fall tournaments. "For all of us, it's a time to unwind. After practice, it's like, 'OK, time to do some more homework.'"

Jennifer Moore '23, who also competed this fall, said she met classmates she might not have otherwise and bonded with them during hours of gameplay.

"It's fun. We're just playing together, making jokes and laughing," she said. "I definitely wouldn't talk to them for hours on the phone, but you do while playing."

NACE offered a variety of games for the fall season, but deferred some of the more popular titles—such as Fortnite, NBA 2K, and Madden NFL—to the spring.

"They're hoping we'll be in a better situation, and back on campus, by then," Oliver said. "There are certain rules and benchmarks you have to meet, as far as the console you're using and quality of the internet."

Once the students return to campus, they will be able to take advantage of the new arena, a first-floor lounge space in Bell Hall that was converted with help from a Virginia Foundation for Independent Colleges grant.

Randolph fielded two teams in the NACE league—one for Super Smash Bros. Ultimate, a series of video games published by Nintendo, and the other VALORANT, a multiplayer game. The

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Esports team members create virtual campus during special competition

MINECRAFT EDITION

College also had one team that competed in a Fortnite fall tournament through PlayVs, another scholastic league.

Oliver sent LAN adapters, which increase internet speed and bandwidth, to students playing Super Smash Bros., and said Nintendo made upgrades to its system to accommodate gamers playing from home.

The team has had to be creative with practices, meeting virtually and staying in touch as often as possible.

"We're running everything through the Discord chat app, so any time, day or night, the students can contact me, and they do," Oliver said. "Typically, gamers have that late-night mentality. We're just being really flexible."

In addition to the official fall competitions, Oliver teamed up with other departments on campus for special events, including a Rocket League Championship during WildCat Weekend in September and monthly tournaments with the Randolph Programming Board.

"We have a few people who are there no matter what, and then we get different people depending on the game," Oliver said. "I really think we'll be able to tailor it to capture a bigger group of students. This helps them know there's something for them."



Main Hall, as designed by Randolph students in the world-building game, Minecraft

breath OF FRESH air

Alumna's air purification system helping in the fight against COVID-19

One alumna's lifelong passion for solving medical problems could come into play fighting COVID-19.

Katy WorriLOW '80 founded LifeAire Systems after discovering airborne pathogens could affect the in vitro fertilization process, even in clean rooms designed to have low levels of pollutants such as dust, chemical vapors, and airborne microbes.

Once WorriLOW, who studied biology at the College and spent most of her career as a clinical IVF provider, made the discovery, another followed: There was nothing on the market that could purify the air and fix the problem.

So she set out to design one with a team of fellow scientists.

The resulting LifeAire system is an in-duct air purification system designed to remove airborne chemicals and biological pathogens. In IVF laboratories, it allows doctors to control and remove the variable of ambient air from their process, leading to

improved success with patients.

It can also be used in hospitals and other healthcare facilities to prevent the airborne spread of infection, making it particularly helpful in fighting COVID-19.

"What the system does is it essentially augments our ability to reduce the likelihood of

another person, especially someone who is not in the immediate vicinity or may come into the space later on, from contracting the virus," Dr. Stan Stawicki, a surgeon with the St. Luke's University Hospital Network in Pennsylvania, told *PBS NewsHour* in September during a segment about LifeAire.

This spring, the St. Luke's campus in



Allentown installed its second LifeAire unit, with the pandemic in mind.

Soon, they'll have the opportunity to invest in another product—a portable decontamination unit that sterilizes N95 masks some healthcare providers are being forced to reuse.

Since the pandemic started, WorriLOW

and her team have been constantly shifting gears to do whatever they can to help.

"We've been getting calls from dental practices, airports, and commercial office spaces," said Worrilow, who is based in Pennsylvania. "We developed six new products in six months, pivoting to make more adaptable systems and pulling from our flagship technology."

The systems are effective in the fight against COVID-19 because Worrilow and her team set the bar so high.

"Our system kills the anthrax spore," said Worrilow, who earned her doctorate in anatomy and cell physiology from the University of Virginia School of Medicine and completed a postdoctoral fellowship in reproductive physiology and infertility at the University of Pennsylvania School of Medicine. "It's the most difficult thing to kill.

If you can kill anthrax, you can kill MRSA, C. diff, and pneumonia."

Now they can add COVID-19 to that list.

"The kill effectiveness is based on the genomic sequence of the virus," she explained. "We know the genomic sequence of COVID-19 and what kill you need to get rid of it. Ours provides many, many more times the lethal dose."

As manufacturing on the adapted systems ramps up, the LifeAire team is awaiting FDA approval on the N95 decontamination unit.

For Worrilow, it's personal—her husband is an ER doctor on the front lines fighting the outbreak—and finding a way to help comes naturally. It's what she's done her entire career: See a problem, find a solution.

"My doctorate was split between the School of Medicine and the School of

Bioengineering only because I was fascinated by solving problems that impacted medicine. I think that combination was very important for LifeAire, for that kind of path," she said, noting that working in IVF was the first time it all came together for her.

"It was basic science research that led to clinical improvements for improved patient care," she said. "That's exactly what I love."

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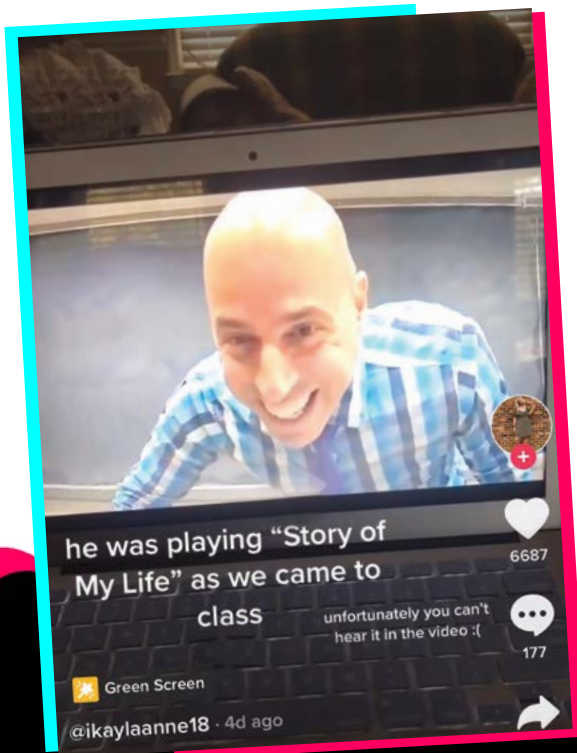
— Katy Worrilow '80



AN INADVERTENT

VIRAL HIT

Randolph math professor's kind sense of humor catapults him to TikTok fame



It isn't unusual for Randolph College professors to be recognized nationally. Usually, though, it's for their research or other expertise.

This fall, one Randolph professor got a taste of what it's like to go viral on one of the most popular social media channels in the world—TikTok.

A charming, but accidental interaction made Marc Ordower an internet sensation recognized not only on TikTok, but in several online media outlets around the world.

Ordower, a math professor, was teaching class one day in a live format when Kayla Morris '22 inadvertently sent a classmate a voice file that she thought was private. Turns out, it wasn't.

"One dimension—you mean One Direction," Morris said in the recording, referencing the "1-D" Ordower wrote on the blackboard for his lecture.

He meant one dimension, but Morris couldn't resist making a joke about the British boy band.

Hearing her voice, Ordower stopped in his tracks, unsure of what had happened. At first he thought someone had a question and stopped to figure it out. He paused for so long the students thought his video feed had frozen.

"I thought I'd made a mistake on the board," Ordower later recalled. "Then when I was informed it was a joke, I really needed to know what the joke was. To me, everything in life is like a puzzle to figure out, and I really wanted to know."

Morris tried to speak up in the moment, but her classmates encouraged Ordower to continue on with the lesson. She emailed him later that day to apologize and explain the reference. Ordower responded kindly, saying he'd look up the band.

He started the next class with his own joke, playing a One Direction song as students logged in.

Morris, who'd seen posts about similar blunders, shared video from the original class on TikTok and was shocked at its popularity, even appearing in the *Daily Mail*, a British publication.

"At first, accounts on Instagram that post

funny videos started messaging me asking to repost it," she said. "But when it got to the news outlets, it was insane. I don't know if it was by the next class or the one after, but by then it had gotten 1.5 million views."

It now has 2.5 million views, and the two follow-ups she posted featuring email exchanges with Ordower together have netted another 350,000.

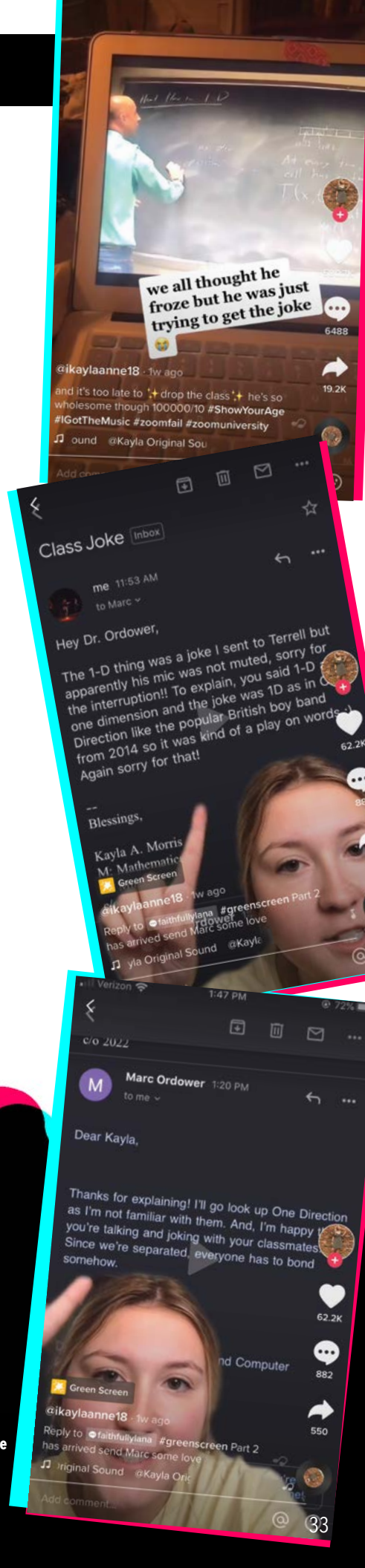
The original video was appealing because it wasn't staged, Ordower said.

"This was just sort of natural, and she happened to recognize it would be of interest to people," he said. "She framed it very kindly. Right now, with so many acrimonious public situations, people are looking for a little bit of kindness. People just followed the tone that Kayla set."

They were also charmed by Ordower's good-natured response.

"I told my class at the beginning of the semester that I wanted them to talk to each other in the middle of class. I encouraged them to do this," he said. "I was happy she was talking and joking with her classmates. Bonding with your classmates, feeling like you're part of a class and part of campus, is more important than ever right now."

Screenshots of the TikTok exchange that gained more than 2.5 million views and made a Randolph professor popular worldwide



Inspired to help

Randolph student
makes community
service a way of life

Avery Payne '21 developed a love for giving back in high school.

During his junior year, the Charlotte, North Carolina, native worked as a veterinary assistant at a clinic that offered discounted vaccines. He also volunteered for an organization called CROSS Missions, which brings youth from up and down the East Coast to provide community service in Charlotte.

"It boosted my love for my city and the passion I have to bring back prosperity and equality and equity," said Payne, a religious studies major who leads Randolph's Black Student Alliance.

He continued those efforts this summer, working as an educational access and equity intern with the new nonprofit, Greater Charlotte Area Mutual Aid. The organization was created with the goal of connecting members of the Charlotte community with the resources they need during the pandemic.

"It was created initially as a Facebook group to bring people together to share resources as well as stories, trying to connect and regain that social aspect of society as we're all working virtually—but doing it in a way that's constructive and helpful for those who don't have the resources or capacity to deal

with these issues," Payne said. "The group is building connections and starting initiatives to provide resources and structure for people who are disproportionately impacted by COVID-19."

Joey Chong, co-founder and chief operations officer, called Payne an impactful leader who did outstanding work and always brought a smile to team meetings.

"From developing meaningful relationships with community partners to creating a digital resource library, Avery demonstrated an unwavering commitment to supporting the community he calls home," Chong said. "We can't wait to see how he will continue to help."

Payne initially headed the organization's LearnTogether Initiative, a free, online tutoring and mentoring service offered to K-12 students in Charlotte.

Part of the focus was equipping students to be successful during virtual learning so they could be on target or even ahead once they returned to in-person learning, he said.

Payne also helped develop a holistic tutoring program.

"It's moving from that basic tutoring model to something more enriching and

driving for the students," he said. "With online learning, when there isn't an instructor telling students what to do throughout the day, it's the students taking the initiative to do those things. Part of the idea is to get students to want to learn, helping them develop a passion and a drive to learn more."

Toward the end of his internship, Payne began to focus on community development and community organizing, using his connections in the city to find other organizations they could partner with to help those in need.

"After we make it through this crisis, we'll stick around for as long as we're needed to benefit the community outside of just COVID-19, to still be that network of resources," he said.

It's exactly the kind of work Payne hopes to do after graduation, inspired by his religious studies coursework.

"Learning about people, cultures, and belief systems has given me an appreciation for the differences that exist among them and a desire to allow for those differences to be resilient," he said. "I found myself being able to do that in the nonprofit field, working in public policy, public safety, or public health."



Avery Payne '21, in Charlotte, North Carolina, where he has been involved with numerous non-profit organizations



CONNECTIONS

Making

From pumpkin kits to virtual cooking classes, student leaders step up to keep classmates engaged

Ranita Opoku-Sarfo '21, Student Government president

Ranita Opoku-Sarfo '21, Randolph's Student Government (SG) president, had a major goal coming into this academic year: increase the visibility of SG among her classmates.

"I wanted to make sure our presence was seen," Opoku-Sarfo, who is double majoring in biology and global studies, said. "It's a lot easier to do that on campus, but we're still trying to bring that goal to life."

She leads the organization's regular meetings, which are open to the student body, virtually instead of in person. And subcommittees on academic affairs, campus life, and clubs and organizations have also worked together to engage students and keep them involved.

The group has been active on social media, sharing resources, promoting virtual events, and posting information about SG's executive board and senators.

Early in the semester, SG sent out a survey to get feedback about remote learning and hosted a virtual town hall that was attended by both students and faculty.

"We wanted to know how to improve the student experience," Opoku-Sarfo said. "The town hall was a chance for students to directly speak with us and elaborate on responses from the survey. It was for us to listen but also to gather as a student body, support each other, and try to provide solutions. It started the conversation."

Katlyn Collins '22, a junior senator and chair of the campus life committee, said they also encouraged students to share aspects of their virtual campus life through interactive posts.

"We hope by doing so, students will feel like part of the Randolph community even while not being here physically," she said. "We just want them to feel connected during these trying times."

SG isn't the only student-led organization keeping students active this fall.

Randolph's Davenport Leaders were an important lifeline for first-years. They held Google Meets with their student groups for orientation, hosted occasional game nights, and created group chats where they could

do one word or emoji check-ins to see how everyone was holding up.

"This semester is probably one of our most challenging," said Davenport Leader Sha-Ron Bass '22. "To make your Randolph experience the best it can be, you must get to know your fellow classmates and upperclassmen."

Student organizations tried to foster those connections from a distance. Clubs continued to meet virtually. The Randolph Programming Board mailed art kits for a virtual paint party and held regular online events, ranging from trivia nights and scavenger hunts to cooking classes and a riff-off, all through Zoom and Google Meet.

The Traditions Committee kept Pumpkin Parade and Ring Week alive online, with goody boxes sent to go along with them.

"We stuffed boxes with pumpkins, paint, T-shirts, and candles," said Tanya Weigold, director of campus life. "It was an all-day project. The students loved it."

Residence Life hosted weekly virtual events, with programming created by students for students. The line-up focused on various aspects of campus life, including academic success and resources; social justice, diversity, and inclusion; and social connections.

Offerings included a voter registration information session, speakers during Domestic Violence & Sexual Assault Awareness Week, and tips on how to be successful virtual students.

"Our students are still making friends, meeting new people, and participating in the traditions," Weigold said. "Just because they're not here doesn't mean we can't provide that home and connection for them."

There have been so many virtual events going on that Lisa Quell, coordinator of student engagement, created a new email, WildCat Weekly, to gather them in one place.

"The Randolph experience is more than just an education," Opoku-Sarfo said. "Our campus community thrives through the formation of meaningful relationships, and the many resources that are provided. Virtual programming provides a way to keep our community going."



Special kits were mailed to students to help celebrate traditions.

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— Ranita Opoku-Sarfo '21,
Student Government President

writing the impossible

2020 Pearl S. Buck Writer in Residence encourages students to engage with the world—and their imagination

In 2019, science fiction and fantasy author Fran Wilde did a bit of what's called futurecasting in a piece she wrote for *The New York Times*.

In *Please Stop Printing Unicorns*, Randolph's 2020 Pearl S. Buck Writer in Residence posited a future where we all have access to bioprinters, or 3-D organic bioprinting machines, that create living things—people, pets, and, yes, unicorns.

It was part of the newspaper's *Op-Eds From the Future* series, which asks science fiction authors, futurists, philosophers, and scientists to write what they imagine we might read "10, 20, or even 100 years from now," according to the *Times*. "The challenges they depict are imaginary—for now—but their arguments illuminate urgent questions of today and prepare us for tomorrow."

Those types of questions were central to Wilde's remote residency, which began in October.

She led a five-week workshop with students, dubbed *Writing the Impossible*, that focused on speculative fiction. Similar

to futurecasting, the genre speculates about worlds unlike our own and often overlaps with science fiction, fantasy, post-apocalyptic fiction, and alternate history.

"We used the lens of science fiction, fantasy, and speculative essays to examine our current state and where we can go from here," said Wilde, whose novels and short stories have been finalists for six Nebula Awards, a World Fantasy Award, three Hugo Awards, and a Lodestar.

"The course focused on encouraging students to create a lifelong writing practice, and how engagement with both the imagination and the real world is required," she added. "It was also a brainstorming class and an idea generation class."

Wilde's seminars included lectures, Q&As, a weekly writing challenge, and extensive reading of both speculative fiction and speculative nonfiction.

"Over and over again," she said, "the emphasis was on imagination and using the tools of today to envision a better future for tomorrow."

Wilde, who directs the genre fiction M.F.A. concentration at Western Colorado University, brings a unique perspective to her writing, holding both an M.F.A. in poetry and a master's in information architecture and interaction design. She's taught poetry and writing for all ages, as well as web development, computer programming, and game design.

"She's someone I have wanted to bring in for a while," said Randolph English professor Laura-Gray Street, who coordinates the residency program. "We were both poetry students together, so I knew her originally as this very smart poet. But she really has so many different talents and interests. She's always been amazing to me in that way. And she's just gone gangbusters in the speculative fiction world. Our students in creative writing, and I think this is sort of a general trend, are very interested in speculative writing, fantasy, and sci fi."

Wilde was the perfect choice for the program's first remote residency, which included both synchronous and

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— Fran Wilde, Pearl S. Buck Writer in Residence

asynchronous components, in addition to individual virtual meetings with students.

“I didn’t want to bring in somebody who didn’t know a lot about online learning and how that worked,” she said of Wilde, who began teaching online courses via email in 1997. “I had already been thinking Fran would be so perfect for this. She’s so knowledgeable and tech savvy.”

Wilde asked her students to keep paper journals—what she called “old-timey technology to gather our ideas”—to balance all the time spent in front of screens.

“That part of the writing life is also important,” said Wilde, whose first published book of poetry featured illustrations from her own journals. “You’ve got to restock the well, but you’ve also got to branch out, try new things, and allow yourself to be messy. Part of what we talk about is how to use mess and messy journals that aren’t Instagram-ready to really start collecting ideas. Let your pen wander a little bit.”



WHY I GIVE

Meg Maguire '65



Tell us a little about your life today.

I have enjoyed what I have come to call "my second career." I retired from banking, went back to graduate school in my 50s and since 2010, have been fortunate to work at the Dallas Museum of Art (DMA) as a curatorial assistant.

During my tenure at the DMA, I have served alongside curators who work with various parts of our collection. At the moment, I support the curators of Decorative Arts & Design, American Art, and Latin American Art, helping them mount exhibitions, acquire new art works, and care for their collections. One of the nice benefits of my job is that I have opportunities to travel for work both domestically and internationally.

I've been fortunate to do work at major museums in New York; Chicago; Denver; Washington, D.C.; London; Paris; Frankfurt; Montpellier, France; Basel, Switzerland; and Vienna, Austria. (Vienna was my favorite!) I try to pass two weeks on holiday in Paris each summer, where I can speak the French that I have been studying at the Dallas Chapter of Alliance Francaise.

What is your fondest memory from the College?

Sitting in Dr. Fuller's American painting class the fall of my junior year. I had already developed a deep appreciation for the incredible collection of American paintings that hung in our hallways and classrooms. I particularly recall that Georgia O'Keeffe's *Yellow Cactus* hung in the East trolley. It was in Dr. Fuller's class where I first began to truly develop a deep appreciation for American art and the incredible collection that surrounded me on a daily basis. Today, it gives me immense joy to think of those moments in his class that set my path to where I am today—albeit with a 30-year detour.

What was your favorite tradition?

Weirdly, the serenades because I cannot carry a tune. I have such happy memories of singing (badly) arm-in-arm with classmates. *Where the River* still easily brings a tear to my eye.

Why do you support the College with a planned gift?

To me, the question really is, "Why would I not support the College?" This is the place where I

learned determination, grit, to never give up, and began to find my voice. It is the institution where I learned a lot academically, the place that sparked my interest in art history and where I learned to find a way to tough out the bad times and appreciate the good.

Why is it important for people to give to Randolph?

For me, it is important to pay back the College for what I learned not only academically but personally, and pay it forward to the current and future students of an institution that informed the abundant life that I so enjoy today.

What advice would you give to a new graduate?

Don't stop learning, don't give up on your dreams, be bold, and have the courage to change your path. To quote the novelist George Eliot, "It is never too late to become what you might have been." If you may indulge me a bit, my advice to current students would be, "leave with no regrets." Your four years on campus will fly by with the blink of an eye.

To learn more about ways to give, please call 434-485-8050 or go to www.randolphcollege.edu/givenow

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ASSOCIATION NEWS

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RANDOLPH-MACON WOMAN'S COLLEGE
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IN LOVING MEMORY OF
MARY CHARLES CONLEE
CLASS OF 1910

ME. LIKE LIFE CAN NEVER BE REPEATED

FROM THE ASSOCIATION PRESIDENT



The days are getting shorter, and 2020 is winding down. While this year has certainly presented challenges, I am finding much to be thankful for this year. As someone who lives in a part of the country without a large population of alums, I have so enjoyed being

able to connect virtually with my Randolph community. The Office of Alumnae and Alumni has harnessed the pivot we have all made to a virtual environment by vastly expanding the number and types of events they host to keep us all connected to the College and each other.

There are things we can all do to support each other and our alma mater right now:

- Send an update to your class secretary (contact info is in Class Notes)
- Work with the alum office to arrange a Holiday Class or Chapter Chat, via Zoom
- Send a year-end gift to the annual fund, in honor or in memory of someone special
- Join RandolphConnect to network with fellow alums, catch up on recorded lectures, Lunch & Learns, and to stay informed
- Refer a high school junior or senior to the alum office, and they will make that person feel special

Questions?

Call or email the Office of Alumnae and Alumni:
434.947.8102 or alumoffice@randolphcollege.edu

I hope that the new year brings us all good health, face-to-face gatherings, and much joy.

Vita abundantior,

Alison Buckley '91
Association President



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*Randolph-Macon Woman's College Alumnae
and Randolph College Alumni Association*

CLASS NOTES

Keep up with your classmates and share your own news! We want to know what you are doing. Please keep your class secretary up to date on news and happenings.

Deadlines: Please send your information and photos to your class secretary by the deadlines stated below. When no class secretary is named, you can send your notes to classnotes@randolphcollege.edu.

December 4, 2020 (for the spring 2020 issue)

April 5, 2021 (for the summer 2020 issue)

August 9, 2021 (for the fall 2020 issue)

Word Count: In order to get as much news as possible about classmates, each class entry can be no longer than 800 words. Please be concise. Class Notes may be edited for clarity, length, style, etc.

Photos: Please send your high resolution photos to classnotes@randolphcollege.edu. These photos need to be 1 MB or larger.

Questions about Class Notes? Please contact Hannah Cohen '15 at hcohen@randolphcollege.edu

UPCOMING CHAPTER EVENTS

Please go to www.randolphcollege.edu/association/category/events/ for a listing of all upcoming Association events, including winter programming and Reunion festivities.



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Happy summer to all during this crazy time in our lives. I write this in April not knowing who among us might be affected by the deadly virus. My health is good for 94. I enjoy wine on my terrace from time to time with a neighbor, 6 feet apart. Hearing can be a problem but socializing is not. My granddaughter, Ann Browning and husband, John McCarty had a 3rd child, first girl named Margaret Corlett—my 12th great grandchild. How blessed am I? Others are spread all over from DC and South to LA and Portland. I am fortunate to be able to continue gardening, which I love, and housework, which I don't. I walk around my condo area using a walking stick since a Coyote crossed my path. 3 daughters of 4 live in Lynchburg plus 2 grands and 2 greats popping in now and then with goodies. We grieve for and miss the classmates we have lost this past year; therefore, those of us who are left must keep in touch. Come on ladies, listen up and let's shoot for 100! I received an email from Mark Graves with the sad news of the death of his mother, **JoAnn Gibboney Graves**. She passed away in August 2016. I am so sorry we did not know at the time but please accept our apologies as well as our condolences. JoAnn was liked by many and a lovely girl. Bud Younts, son of **Alice Cottam Younts**, says she is a resident of The Pines in Davidson. He reports Alice to be doing well having been blessed with 3 children. 5 grandchildren, 1 great-grandchild and 2 more on the way. Alice enjoys keeping up with the College and old classmates. News from **Adele Michal '74**, R-MWC grad and daughter of **Pat FitzHugh Michal**: "Last year, Pat donated to help repair the irrigation system of the herb garden in the Reynolds Gardens, a beautifully maintained and



Congratulations to Lois Jones who was 100 years young in February!



Alice Cottam Younts and great-grandchild Emmaline on Alice's 92nd birthday

locally cherished 134-acre center for horticulture and recreation in Winston-Salem. In Pat's honor, Reynold Gardens is donating perennials and annuals grown there to be planted in a garden at Salemtowne, the retirement community where Pat lives."

1951

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My roommate **Jane Dillard Wright** and I both phone and write each other 2-3 times a week—a real blessing. She doesn't "dither" but she does doodle. She and **Chan Gaynor West** have both been active nature supporters for decades. Chan's property has been featured in national magazines. The joyous news: Chan has just bought a spanking brand new TRUCK at age 90! **Frances Hasker Porcher's** two long-ago relatives made news—a Haskell woman graduate of Wellesley 1904 was a friend of the poet Khalil Gibran and their letter correspondence is in the Harvard University archives. Her other relative was Dr. Frances Peyre Porcher, who wrote a medicinal plant book during the Civil War. It was recently reprinted in 2019! **Dot Sutherland Etchison** always has good books to recommend: "The



Marge Corlett Dillard '48 gardening at Smith Mountain Lake in May



Pat FitzHugh Michal '48 and Ginny Bain Ingram '94 celebrating Ginny's first Sunday as Rector of St. Andrew's Episcopal Church in Greensboro, NC

League of Wives" by Heath H. Lee. **Mary Lib Skerkoske** went to FL to golf but when she got back home, she got such a violent stomach upset that left her vocal cords paralyzed - so text or email her instead. **Anna Griswell Nichols** lives in the same zip code as I, yet could not hear me on the phone. Mary Lib wrote a good thought for us all: "Take care; I care." Both **Martha "Nini" Frangis** and **Kim Charleston Spears** are fine but sad because their dear little dogs have recently passed. **Neva Baine Murphy** is in the hugest retirement community I've ever heard of—1900 residents! Many buildings and every sort of activity or program even while socially distancing in Peabody MA. Both **Rita Loyd Atkinson** and **Bess Poledor Lambron** live in San Diego but in different zip codes. On August 3, our classmate **Martha Sydnor Coffman** died. Her obit lists our college twice, saying how she loved keeping up all these years with her special classmates there: "the Old Crows". Your class secretary has a couple of thoughts to end with—all we can "do" now:

Don't put chickpeas in the microwave. Why can't we twiddle anything but our thumbs? Do phone old friends. Lastly, a real note from a recent issue of the Christian Science Monitor: "By the year 2023, insects will be a 2.1 billion dollar industry as a food product, taking up less space than cows!"

1952

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COVID-19 has not generated much lighthearted news but we still want to hear what's going on with our classmates. **Barbara Stanley Welsh** and husband Cecil have both suffered strokes and are now living in an assisted living facility in VA Beach. Barbara, who is one of my chief news gatherers, still enjoys talking on the phone and would love to hear from you. They are doing alright (with good and bad days) but like most of us are restricted to their quarters. **Mary Earle Scovil** and husband Roger are in a similar situation in Atlanta. Mary Earle is in fairly good health but Roger has had several TIAs which have left him incapacitated and requires 24-hour care. I had a delightful exchange with **Peggy Wier Evans** recently. She was looking for a picture which appeared on her page in the annual of our senior year—an informal shot of Peggy emerging from a laundry chute wearing a pair of coveralls. Peggy had sent all her annuals back to the College when she moved to the Pines in Davidson NC and no longer had that picture. She wanted to show that photo to her granddaughter, who now wears the coveralls. I dug out my *Helianthus* and took a picture of the picture to send to Peggy!

1953-1955

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1956

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I hope that I hear from you soon. There are so few of us left and I would like for us to stay connected as long as we can. Like many of you, we are so thankful for the help of our children to go to doctor appointments and the grocery store. I love to read and am happy to have e-books available from the library here. For my birthday on July 1, my children gave me a huge bouquet of sunflowers. I love them and think that they are such cheerful flowers. They remind me of my years at Randolph-Macon Woman's College. So many of the girls who were close friends are gone now and therefore those who are remaining are all the more precious. From **Bruce Koolage Forsberg**: I hope you and your family are all doing well and staying that way. I am fine and am leaving for Cape Cod to visit my daughter and her family. I don't know if I told you that Fred, my husband, died 2 years ago. In addition, my son Clay died this past April. Have a nice summer and stay well!



Nan Brown Beckman '53, J.T. Ellison '91, and Gretchen Goerdel Nelms '61 together for a book signing of J.T.'s book, Good Girls Lie

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1958

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Dear wonderful-staying at home '58ers, we are still in the COVID-19 pandemic, so we hope all of you have remained safe and healthy. We have received very, very sad news. **Ruth Gibbs Jones** died on July 4 of this year in Asheville, NC, following a succession of strokes. She is survived by husband Sonny and two sons. We lost **Beth Barnes Brown, Ann Plankey Fryburger, Florence Newton Norwesh, Eleanor Ann Sale Smith** and **Lucy Stansbury Tyler** in 2019. We send our heartfelt condolences to their families. Also, we send our heartfelt condolences to **Mary Will Copes Browning** whose husband Wayne died on May 27. Mary Will had written earlier to respond to the question of great-grandchildren, but we received her news too late to be included in the last issue of *Vita Abundantior*. Her notes: "What a different time we are experiencing. Hope everyone is staying well and busy. No greats and not expecting any soon. Oldest grandchild graduated from UVA last year and has a long-time girlfriend, but haven't heard of any wedding plans. Next two are 2nd year at UVA. Youngest is graduating HS whenever that happens. I'm guessing soon. He is heading for VMI, hopefully for the summer program and even more hopefully for fall. I'm sorry to miss the prom grand march with all the dressed up kids, graduation, and baseball games. He thinks there is not one boy who is sorry to miss the prom. We are very



Win Sykes Koontz '57 and Julie James '01 visit at the Virginia Museum of History and Culture's Annual Museum Gala in Richmond, VA in March.

thankful and blessed to have them live near, and have enjoyed their HS activities. I will miss that. This new normal has seemed in some ways like a return to newlywed days with a little more money and a lot more age. Cooking more. Lots more time together. Sorting through and discarding stuff. I'm not sure some of that isn't wedding stuff that should have gone years ago. We keep busy and going. Our children and grandchildren live near us and hover. We are thankful for that. The highlight of my week is Sunday. We all go to the same little Methodist church and then gather here for dinner. We miss the ones who aren't here, but thankful that they are continuing their paths, and always happy when they are here. Stay well." Mid-May, we were concerned about **Renie Ferguson Steves**. Daughter Stephanie took Renie to the emergency room at Texas Health Harris Methodist Hospital in Fort Worth with a low grade fever and symptoms similar to a stroke. She tested negative for the Corona Virus and MRI and CT showed she did not have a stroke but so far they have not been able to determine what is going on. Many of you responded to this news. **Sidney Reid Funston** wrote "Renie is a gutsy lady so hoping she'll recover from this - we're all sending prayers!" **Ann George Kime** wrote "thanks for sharing all of the updates about Renie. We do know that Renie is a fighter and tough cookie. She is in my prayers." Our amazing Renie proved herself to be that tough cookie and survived whatever she had. In June, **Antonia Scott Day** wrote "Renie has completely recovered from whatever malady struck her in the spring." We all are very thankful! Toni also wrote "**Libba Pierce Colby** has emerged from a hospital and rehab time to return to her home in McLean, VA. Her son Hunter lives nearby and is overseeing her recuperation. **Mary Jane Kolp Smith** has



1963: Carol Robert Armstrong and Lynn Hardy Yeakel



1960: Raise a Glass virtual event, honoring Reunion 2020

recovered from a foot infection, and talks to Libba often, as does **Amanda Pritchett Milligan**. We are supporting each other during the pandemic!" Regarding Libba, in August, Toni wrote "Our classmate Libba is keeping her mind alert by taking chess lessons! She has a tutor that comes to her once a week for an hour. She enjoys his lessons, but says they are challenging! That's an example for all of us." Toni continues to manage caregiving for husband George Helland who is in his 7th year of Alzheimer's disease. We send our love, thoughts and admiration to Toni! We send our best wishes to **Anne Lawhon Harrington Hall**; Anne has remarried and is now Mrs. Charles W. Hall. **Martha McKay Jones** wrote "On June 28th, quietly and with social distancing, we celebrated 90 years of my lovely husband Dan, giving thanks to God for his birth, long life, and good health. Of our nine grandchildren three more graduated, virtually, but nonetheless happily. Lily from Portland State University with majors in Spanish and Business, Jali from McCallum HS in Austin now headed to college in Hawaii, and Tommy from Interlochen Center for the Arts and headed to Harvard. These young people inspire us and give us hope for the future." **Dottie Lee Harris Zehmer** and husband Pete have gone to their beach cottage a couple of times this summer. They brag about the Chesapeake community in Newport News where they live because they have had no COVID infections among the residents so far. In this spring issue of the Vita, our Class Notes suggested the College put a plaque honoring Lucy Stansbury Tyler and Professor Stern in the present Skeller. The College carried out our wish! **Phebe Williamson Wescott '78** indicated that a picture of the plaque and also a photo of our 50th Booklet cover are in this **Vita** issue. Many thanks to all who donated to this project honoring and in memory of Lucy! (See Tributes, page 64)

1959

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The Pandemic has put a damper on summer plans for many folks. A note from **Betty Lou Atkinson Newcomb** says she has been busy knitting scarfs for the homeless and friends. She walks daily and she and her husband are taking Great Courses on DVDs. **Peg Ayers McFadden** sent a picture of her new great-grandson, Owen. She said he gives her hope for the future as the newest family member. In May, **Betty Jo Fite Hays** sent Facebook pictures of storm damage to her Swannanoa home. Trees had fallen on the house which caused roof and window damage, but she felt lucky that it was not worse. As with other classmates, **Marilyn Messerly** had a cruise on the Columbia and Snake rivers canceled. Hopefully, travel will open up by next year so our pent-up desires to roam can be alleviated. Just a thought, if you "friend" me on your Facebook page I will be able to share your news in upcoming issues of the Bulletin.

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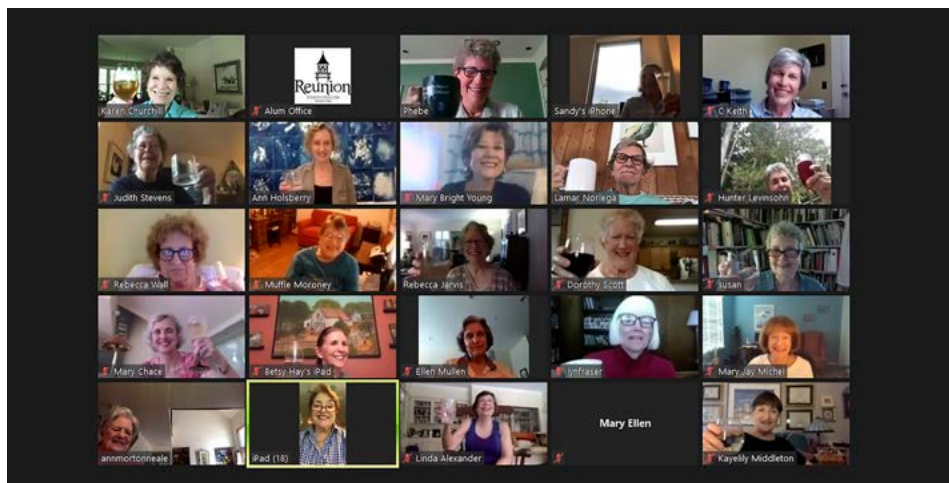
By now, I am sure that you are all aware that we raised nearly \$65,000 with participation from 68 classmates. On behalf of **Carol Penn Tippet**, Class Agent, our Reunion Committee, and myself I want to thank each of you for your participation. During the time the Committee worked on Reunion then non-Reunion, many classmates were contacted and many names were mentioned in addition to the classmates who participated in the class gift. I am going to take the liberty of including all these names so that you will know

these classmates were alive in April-May. If you should want to contact anyone, just let me know and I will send you an email address. Reunion Committee: **Carol Penn Tippet, Rebecca Dixon, Deanne Moffitt Brasfield, Ann Claiborne Pope Christian, Emily (Dutchie) Giesey Hurt, Barbara Barritt Romano, Ellen Click Cooper, Betsy Harding Grundy, Betty Steele White**. Other classmates: **Ann Cathey, Mary Newsom Green, Gail Parks Pusey, Mary Ann Johnson Jones, Bonnie Armstrong, Helene Alice Whitaker Davis, Helen Harris Payne, Barbara Meitzler McCullen, Tuggie Bohm Armstrong, Penny Zimmerman Jenkins, Mary Dale Van Sant Kea, Janet Farquhar Smith, Gretta Carlson Duncum, Dana Davidson Redmond, Nancy Lanier Player, Carol Orndorff Bricker, Ginger Morrison McKenzie, Mary Wolfe, Courtenay Mitchell Wilson, Judy Troy Keith, Jane Bigham Sulzberger, Jane Collins Aurell, Deanna Blanco Braeger, Martha Bowman Clark, Margaret Brish Wagner, Shirley Burke Rogon, Mary Callcott Bozeman, Carole Ann Carden Eipel, Lynne Coppage Land, Jane Cornick Dominick, Jo Ann Davidor Ivy, Mary Marr Dunlop Beckman, Ann Eastland Howdeshell, Barbara Gutai, Pattye Harris Leggett, George Ann Hider Wesner, Marilyn Hussman Augur, Sigrid Lund Graves, Margaret Munroe Furze, Peggy Perryman Thompson, Megan Porter, Ann Pryor Simms, Carol Ranz Krause, Margie Reed Anderson, Ina Russell Ingram, Rosemary Russell Gibson, Ann Schudy Hendrickson, Caroline Sikes Cowan, Page Singewald Williams, Ann Towers Stone, Doodie Waldman Poole, Terry Ward Weinle, Dorothy Wei Green, Bambi Whitridge Schuette, Ria Winterbotham Brewer.**



Harriette Moskowitz Will '64 and husband Erwin with a huge iceberg in Antarctica. Their cruise ship can be seen through the arch in the iceberg.

Betty Woodward Holman. Hope that you are impressed that so many of us are still somewhat active. You may have noticed Ellen Click Bennett is listed as Ellen Click Cooper; on 12/20/19 Ellen and Art Cooper were married; continuing to live in the same community where they were widowed; Art has already seen RC campus and is looking forward to a future reunion. They enjoyed Mother's Day visit w/ both families at the back of their community. Courtenay Mitchell Wilson moved in the spring to a new home in a senior community in Solomon MD. Carol Carden Eipel also married recently to Ken Eipel, a close friend from her days at R-MWC. Barbara Barritt Romano greatly enjoyed participating in the Virtual Summer Program, listening in on several lectures. Barbara spent most of her summer in Blowing Rock rather than the heat of Tampa. You may remember that Martha Bowman and Bill Clark were married on the afternoon of our graduation - thus getting the first 60th Anniversary honors! (Many of you were married in '60, Congratulations!) Jo Ann Davidor Ivy's daughter is scheduled to finish high school in Orlando. Dana Davidson Redmond sees Bill Stuart (Lynne Hume Stuart, dec) as they both live in the same community in Lynchburg. Deane Moffitt Brasfield had wonderful visits w/both sets of grandchildren during the early summer. You all should have received a mailing in August with the notes from April which would have been in the summer copy of Vita Abundantior (not published). If you did not, let me know and I will send you a copy. Do hope that by the time these notes arrive, we will be back to a more normal lifestyle (whatever that is to be). This note is a hard one to write but it is time for me to step down as your Class Secretary. I have loved keeping in touch with you all for the last 20 years and appreciate your sharing with our classmates. You all have kept our class in touch and feeling close. It was my pleasure to serve w/Angie Morgan Robertson and then/now Carol Penn Tippet as Class Agents.



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Normally, the transition would have taken place at Reunion. I'm hoping that one or more of you will be willing to take over the job and possibly make it a joint effort. Please get in touch w/ **Hannah Cohen '15** at the College. She can be reached at hcohen@randolphcollege.edu. Or you can contact me. I am more than happy to answer any questions about the job.

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Barbara Mackowiak Harps writes "Sixteen years ago after my husband died, I moved from Kiel to southern Germany to be near my daughter. Now she is moving to northern Germany 900 km away. Such is life. But I feel okay since I have friends and other contacts here." **Carol Stone White's** book, *A Taste of Heaven: Harnessing the Energies of Love*, was published on 4/16/20. She did a Zoom interview with the Oneida Community Journal's editor in July who sought questions from Oneida Community Mansion House docents, a living museum with dozens of descendants and others in residence. The book is available at Wipf and Stock Publishers and Amazon. For more information, write carolstonewhite@gmail.com. **Betsy Rosewater Snyder** writes: "After 47 years, Bert and I have moved from our house in Wellesley to a condo community in Newton. Moving in the midst of COVID was an added challenge and our place is still a work in progress.

Fortunately we knew several people here because walking around with masks, sunglasses, and headphones makes it a little hard to see what others look like and have them remember what I look like!" **Lynn Hardy Yeakel** encourages classmates to visit Vision2020Votes.org and also Women100.org to see what Vision 2020 is doing to commemorate the 19th Amendment centennial. **Holley Leventhal Kilcullen** writes: "I took advantage of the sheltering time to scan about 3600 family photos from 26 albums. They are organized by year, from '66, so it will be easy to look for anything in particular. It took about 134 hours. What a pleasure to remember so many happy, sweet, fun events. I will give thumb drives for Christ- mas with all the photos." **Patsy Derby Chaney** writes that staying at home hasn't been hard but has felt weird. Gardening has been a release and making salt rising bread again took patience and perseverance. Seeing John Lewis, 1940-2020, has been a wake-up call that we are in the "high-risk" bracket. She remembers some R-MWC sisters participating in a sit-in and getting arrested. Patsy says, "I didn't then, I would now." **Betty Allen Davis** also writes about the late John Lewis. "The recent events about the life of Representative John Lewis reminded me of a trip I took to Atlanta with several classmates in spring '63 to attend a SNCC meeting. I don't think I realized John Lewis was the main speaker. I wish I had known that and communicated with him. Alas, I was not as dedicated as he was to the cause of desegregation. I have learned so much in the decades since '63. Of course, the sit-in at Pearson's drugstore was also significant during our time at R-MWC." **Mary Dunn French** writes: "I was so saddened to learn of the death of my junior and senior year roommate, **Pinky Blundell Carleton**. She was such an elegant, lovely, and beautiful lady who continued to care for our college as she served on the Board for many years. My husband was at Harvard Business School and her husband was in Harvard Law School in the

mid-60s so we were able to keep in touch in Cambridge. We later visited her in Bedford NY and had occasional visits to NYC. My husband just celebrated his 80th birthday. We enjoyed a week of "social distancing" and 3 birthday cakes with our 4 children, spouses, and 11 grandchildren at Lake Martin AL. We are thankful for many blessings!"

Vicki Neely Lanier sent an update on two grandchildren. "Neely and Akram are doing well. Akram is truly on the front lines since he is in ICU and intubates the COVID-19 patients. He's been working his regular Atlanta position plus helping out in Savannah. Neely is in neurosurgery, so she doesn't see COVID patients, thank goodness. My oldest grandson Will is entering The University of Florida. He earned the Florida Bright Futures highest scholarship, which covers full tuition and was chosen for a private foundation scholarship which will cover the first quarter room and board. We are very proud of him." **Jewelle Wooten Bickford** writes: "I'm finally retiring from full time employment on Dec 31. We have rented an apartment in Rome for April, May and June and hope to rekindle our Italian and explore the surrounding countryside. It gives us something positive to look forward to during COVID where NY has recovered but still the theater, opera and museums are not open." **Bettie Jones Corey's** granddaughter Harley Seger graduated virtually from the Boston Conservatory at Berklee in May in Musical Theater. She has moved to NYC and has been creative in finding ways to earn money while waiting for the theater world to re-open. She is working on production of a musical she and a classmate wrote which has received finalist recognition.

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True to Vita abundantior spirit many of us found alternative ways during upheavals of 2020 to visit with family and friends, enjoy virtual tours, concerts and theater. **Carolyn Zeliff** takes advantage of study groups and occasional kayaking with friends in her community in FL; Polly Cummings Hussain enjoys having more time for family, bee-keeping and baking on what sounds like a commercial scale; impressive as she still works from home and sometimes is called into her Pentagon office. **Pam Pittman Turner** said a cooler spring meant long walks with husband Len and reading on the porch; while summer meant reading inside a cool room and the normalcy of Len's fishing and crabbing in Mobile Bay. Thanks to the Alumnae Office, on June 12 the class of '64

held its first ever mini-Reunion on Zoom and 22 of us registered to chat 'face-to-face', see photo. Your secretary had a workout taking notes so apologies for mistakes—**Jean Ulffers Lucas** described her love of her own backyard in Reisterstown MD that terminates in a Wildlife Refuge. **Sherry Heatley Sumits** and husband reside in northern CA town of Fairfax; one daughter and 6 yr. old grandchild live with them; another daughter is next door with teens and husband; all enjoy their vineyard producing wine for friends and family. Sherry told us that **Judi Hurst Gough** died soon after returning from a trip to Mexico in early 2020 having had COVID-like symptoms but not so diagnosed. Joanna London White retired from Concordia U after 40 years of teaching having started a PhD at age 50! Happily married to an architect and residing in Montreal, they have two daughters near-by, daughter in Boston, and five grandchildren. **Susan Louft Andreatta** in High Point NC recounted that she spent two middle years at U of MD before returning to R-MWC to graduate. Celebrating 13th wedding anniversary this year and as a naturalist loves treks in their Blue Ridge area; shared her past experience working in Denali National Park and CA state parks. **Sandy Scott Smith** rejoices that she and husband live in Palo Alto CA and being outdoors year round; they have two sons in high-tech businesses and four grands near-by. **Mary Beveridge** reported enjoying many wonderful travels and helping with visiting Chinese delegation to US. **Mary Margaret Hillman** celebrated a 56th wedding anniversary in June with retired cardiologist husband in Asheville NC; have five grands and memories of many great trips. **Caroline Lockett Cherry** has had enviable travels with her family, Morocco, Iceland, Belgium, the Netherlands and good visits with son and family in CA. **Sallie Hay Swisher** and husband Art celebrated 56 yrs together in their home near St. Pete; have sons in DC and TX. Sallie is a survivor of breast cancer and recently diagnosed with Parkinson's. **Shirley Bush Drescher** married her KY h.s. classmate, set up housekeeping in Nashville for his Vanderbilt law school years; then decided to settle there and raise their family, now including 10 grandchildren and two great grands. **Judy Hall McBroom** feels most fortunate during lock-down to have both daughters in Seattle; adults work from home, grandkids play only together so she's able to see all often. She is active in "Grandmothers Against Gun Violence". Judy contrasts this year with 2019 when she was in Galapagos with entire family for the trip of a lifetime! She marveled at unique terrain, animals and terrific snorkeling. **Janie Leigh Wall Carter** noted that husband Rev. Wilson Carter died in 2015 and she retired to their farm in Providence VA. She's grateful that children and six grands are all near-by. **Julie**

Block Milstein who resides in Montpellier FR started 2020 in the US before flying to Nepal in Jan. for what was to be a typical 3-4 mo. period of Buddhist study/practice. Less than two mos. there she encountered the tumult of pandemic, threats of cross-border travel. She returned to US in mid-March hunkering down with her daughter's family in Annapolis and friends in Baltimore. Before returning to FR in mid-May, Julie spent special time with her sister in Staunton VA. She arrived home as S. FR was cautiously opening up and glad to find consistent regard for safety rules. Worst part of the whole year for her is the increasing divisiveness of American people. **Mopie Bagby Barefoot** and John traveled to Peru for 10 days in July 2019 accompanied by daughter Killian, fluent in Spanish, and son-in-law Chris, expert trip planner, who made it seem effortless. They spent several days in Lima before cruising on two rivers that merge to form the Amazon, learned much about indigenous people and enjoyed marvelous local food. **Agnes Fitts Marshall** took 5 youngest grandchildren to Family Camp at YMCA Camp Seafarer in Arapahoe NC; stayed in cabin together, wore masks at all times and enjoyed first time out of town since March. We'll Zoom again soon. Please register your profile on Randolph Connect website.

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Anne Hayes Soukhanov writes, "One bright spot is a book titled 'Au Revoir, Tristesse: Lessons in Happiness from French Literature (NYC: Abrams 2020) by British award-winning comedian, writer, broadcaster, and lover of all things French. It will make you smile, and your smile will help melt the sadness of these fraught times. Enjoy, dear sisters, and be well." **Buie Harwood** recommends, "some VERY GOOD shows on TV: Lost Cities with Albert Lin [History channel]; Drain the Oceans [Nat. Geo., multi-long series on underwater archeology around the world]; Lost Treasures of the Maya [Nat. Geo.]; Buried Secrets of the Bible with Albert Lin [Nat. Geo.]; Knight Templar [multi-long series; [History channel]." **Dorsey Nicholson Wade** feels fortunate "to live in a garden home with beautiful walking paths. ... John will be 92 next week and walks the paths and goes to exercise but mainly we stay put." **Frances Blackwell Robinson** writes, "I've learned to play online bridge on friends' terraces. I've bought many unusual things on Amazon... my favorite being a cordless vacuum cleaner." **Judy Culp Walker** writes she and husband Kent moved into a retirement community in Sept. Her new address is 2041 Terraces, Southminster, 8919

Park Road, Charlotte NC 28210. **Rebecca Wall** is recovering nicely from back surgery. **Marianna Anderson Bush** says, "husband Ken died on May 24th of lymphoma. He had been recovering from chemo and his death was unexpected." They were married 52 years. Our heartfelt sympathy and prayers go out to you, Marianna. **Pat Roop Webster** writes, I have been "baking bread and making cookies with grandchildren, cleaning out boxes of memorabilia from my parents, writing a book about the garden I've created here in rural Quebec." She discovered a will from many previous-generations grandfather, Henry Roupe. In 1845 he bequeathed "unto my beloved wife Catherine the one-third part of all my lands, one cow, one bed, and one flax-wheel also all the grain and meat that I now have and one small oven."

Mary Catherine Haug enjoyed rereading Lyn McWhirter's mystery novel Debits and Credits. Mary misses her 18 mo. old grandson, who lives in LA. **Ann Holsberry** exhibited her art in a downtown Berkeley storefront. **Margaret Tiley Holt** and **Suzy Wise Hawley** still live in Naples and "thoroughly enjoy the third year of their new business adventure Hawley-Holt Senior Living Advisors. Not much more to add regarding fancy trips or adventures this year unless it's from the kitchen to the living room or grocery! Sometimes we take trips to another part of our homes to eat popcorn and watch movies."

Emily Alford Carlisle writes, "We are fortunate to live at the lake where we look out at the water every morning. It is amazing the calming effect it has." Three of Emily's granddaughters were to go back to college this fall. One granddaughter will marry in Austin in Sept. Emily has learned how to do Zoom and is swimming every day at the gym. **Dorothy Scott Fielder** writes, "My bright spot is that my son and daughter-in-law were able to come and visit and bring my 3-year old granddaughter. My other news is not so cheery. I had breast cancer surgery in July but now I must have chemo and radiation." Dorothy, we will all pray for your speedy and full recovery. **Lois Combs Weinberg** and husband Bill are having an extended stay in their mountain home along Troublesome Creek. They are practicing what their governor calls Healthy at Home. Her "lifelong dream was to get her children involved in the garden, and so the grandchildren have brought it to pass. Callaway planted the honey select corn and 'pink' beans perfectly. Her favorites were the sugar snap peas she could eat off the vine. Her little brother, Cruz, turns out to be a great bean picker! Carley planted okra and Will tilled and planted the spring onion and Bill [planted] the Stumbo bush beans. I have been greatly involved in Zooming with Hindman Settlement School colleagues. Our exec. director left and we are in the midst of hiring another at the same time as

we are preparing to implement a big grant from Americorps. Good challenges with new venues. After serving on boards for years, I have learned a lot about how to make a healthy board function. It is critical to keep learning and never too late. They taught us that at R-MWC. We had a Combs Family Reunion by Zoom—really satisfying to see many cousins and hear their voices. I am available for any Zoom get together!" **Margaret Phillips** reports she is babysitting her twin 8 year-old granddaughters and is a legal observer for the Black Lives Matter in her community in MO.

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The Class of '67 got together (those who got the message and could join) on Zoom on July 16th to celebrate **Susan Allman's** birthday and get an update from the College on how they are adapting during these unusual times. It was great to see and chat with each other. Thank goodness for today's technology. I was even able to join the meeting while I was having a pedicure! Hopefully, we can include more classmates who had prior commitments, or didn't get the message, for the next one. Be sure to let me, **Martha (aka Mimi) Keever** or the College know your current information. **Martha White Paas** sent the following news: It will not surprise any who knew me at R-MWC to hear that, after teaching economics at Carleton College for 40 yrs., I have retired to England! Our elder daughter, Emily, who is an oboist, married an Englishman in 2000, and we bought a house here in 2001 and spent the next 15 yrs. restoring it and making it our own. Now that we are retired, it is wonderful living in beautiful Somerset, in an historic market town. We have all the services we need here, including excellent health care. Roger has hardly missed a beat from Carleton and continues to write books on the history of printing. I started a Friends of the Library here and we saved the local library from being cut in the austerity binge. We enjoy our grandchildren who live in London and are 16, 13 and 8, and it has meant everything to be able to share in their lives. Our younger daughter, Anne, lives in New York and is a film director, so we see her more here than we did in Minnesota! Sending warmest greetings to you all, and I promise to stay in touch. **Bunny Boyd Bowen** and husband Leland "officially" celebrated their 50th anniversary August 1, but actually celebrated it

11 mos. earlier with a trip to the Orkneys with her daughter and son-in-law, who share the same anniversary date. "Boy, was that a good call...glad we didn't wait until August 2020!" **Mary Lynne Jarrell Calhoun** and husband Lawrence after 40+ years in Charlotte NC, moved this summer to a retirement community in Sandy Spring, MD. Moving during a pandemic! Their two daughters live in the DC area and the two grandchildren were quite the draw.

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Lynn Hodge reports being pleased with the services and support given in her retirement community during the COVID-19 Pandemic. Although living is more restricted in a vulnerable population, she says it is "hard to complain about daily delivery of meals to our door." She has continued her daily walking and finds time for reading in the afternoon. Lynn's church has kept her and her partner connected online and has a weekly chapel service she can attend. While aware of the toll of both the virus and the civil/political unrest she continues to seek ways to be part of the work on both. **Burwell Thorne Anthony** and husband Pat are "hunkered down and not seeing anyone." She keeps busy with "quarantails" with friends, FaceTime, chats with kids, Netflix, exercise and reading. Daughter Reeves comes with her 2 children to "visit" at the window while they talk to each other on the phone, like families visiting convicts in the movies! **Judith Stanton** and husband Peter Harkin are downsizing from a 19-acre horse farm with several structures and a pool to a 3-acre property only 21 miles away, with one house. They are filling dumpsters and dump trucks with all that has accumulated over 43 years and I know there are others of you who can relate to this tale! **Elizabeth (Liz) Rust Masterson** flew to CA on March 10 to visit daughter **Sarah Kahl Picollelli '00** and ended up staying two weeks instead of one when the shutdown started. Fortunately, she was able to travel home with no problems! On Sunday, June 28, she and the Rev. Charles Cloughen made a Commitment to a Life-Long Relationship at the Cathedral of the Incarnation in Baltimore. As none of the family could be present the service was live streamed for family and friends near and far. Both were widowed in 2014 and they have been dating for four years. **Mary Griffith Wallace** sent us a delightful YouTube link called "The Lady in Number Six" about Alice Sommer who at 106, is the oldest living Holocaust Survivor. I encourage you to go back and find that email from early August 2020 and listen to her story, her beautiful



Sandra Vaughan Gilman '69 and husband Ron

music, and her wonderful positive pronouncement that "everything in life is beautiful." **Ondre Huston** is recovering well from major surgery and hopes to soon be on the move again. She appreciated all the cards, calls and emails from everyone. **Barbara McCartney Kirkland** misses her family, her travel and all the concerts with **Marilyn Hicks Fitzgerald** at Wolf Trap Farm Park! She was to travel to Colombia, South America in mid-March and had to cancel that and there are no trips planned in 2020. She has not been able to work in her office for in-person patient visits but does telemedicine visits and has come to like that medium for patient care. Since all of Barbara's family is distant, she and two other single friends have declared themselves a family and have cocktails and/or dinner three times a week in each other's homes. Her days start usually with a 2-3 mile hike in the early morning and then mask-sewing, Zoom meetings once a week with **Mary Scully Riley** and **Page Shields**, a One Day University lecture or a medical education lecture for CME credit and end with Netflix or a good book. **Fleet Hill** also hunkered down early in March and began a series of Zoom cocktails, National Theater and music streamings, and a Yale course on "The Science of Well-Being". Husband Walter had planned heart surgery in early June 2020 and has recovered well. Then these parents said good-bye to their daughter and family as they left for England where new jobs await teaching at Oxford University. Fleet's mother Dorothy (96) and her sister Brooke became ill with COVID-19 and ended up at Brooke's house in Winchester VA. Fleet reached out to **Mary Scully Riley**, who lives in Winchester, and **Barbara McCartney Kirkland**, who doesn't live far away, and mobilized the Red Brick Wall Sisterhood to bring some food to help out while her family recovered. It was a win/win for all involved as the VA neighbors got to meet Fleet's delightful family and they got some treats to eat, with a side of sisterhood love! **Marnie Hall Page** cited **Anne Wentworth Brill** for keeping their four roommates in contact during this time when it is



In Antarctica with Ginger Hill Worden '69, sister Sara Hill Lavelle '66, Linda Lorimer and husband Charley Ellis, friends from Highlands, NC

difficult to be together in person. Marnie also wonders what life is like on campus with men students. **Suzie Stump Cragg**, who works in the admissions office, did not answer that question but did give us an update that the College is starting to allow prospective students to visit campus. She has been off and doing some work from home, continuing to be employed, which is a wonderful blessing. She loves her job, praises Dr. Bateman and all her colleagues on the staff, and reassures us that the spirit of R-MWC is still there. **Carla Alexander** states that "nothing ever changes in my life: I either stand up and work or I lie down and write for work!" She enjoys hearing from everyone and suggests we take the time to remember "the other Carla (Weaver)" and others we have lost. **Janet Hensley** finds herself surprisingly content, enjoying a slower pace and doing the simplest things around the house, along with some Great Courses and Curiosity Stream. Her one real difficulty has been worrying about, and missing greatly, her family in CO which is composed of teachers, an ER doctor, one with compromised health and a newborn. Like many of us, Janet had lots of travel planned for 2020 and remains hopeful some of that can happen in 2021. **Cathy Eaton Schmidt** and husband left FL in June and traveled by car to their home in CO with a stop to visit her daughter and family in TN. Both her church and her knitting group meet outside in a park and she is also very careful in her activities to protect a daughter-in-law who is immunosuppressed. Cathy is another one with a long list of canceled travel plans! **Karen Olsen Borek** had a wonderful visit with her daughter Catherine and granddaughters for a week after Catherine (a teacher) had gotten her seniors graduated. Karen shared a wonderful video, made by granddaughter Tessa, of Catherine's speech to her seniors – not a dry eye in the house! **Janet Mason** sent a very long list of things she has been doing, indoors and out, which echoed many of the comments from others, but at least we know she has been very busy! No wonder her list

concluded with "sleeping soundly every night!" **Judy Miller Frame** has also been busier than ever, sewing masks for the clients of the charities her church serves and planning a son's wedding. **Jayne Riddle Phillips** and husband Dick celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary in June at Hilton Head and FL, and then followed that with Dick's 80th birthday. She has appreciated time with her sons and the life she has lived so far and hopes for better times ahead. **Sheila Smolens Traub** sent love and smiles, along with a delightful YouTube video of an Episcopal priest's take-off on Hamilton's song "You'll Be Back". Look it up if you can! **Kitty Lavin Linder** enjoyed 2 weeks on Block Island, NY, with family but has had to cancel fall travel. She too is cleaning out boxes, realizing that her planned 2-week project is really a 6 month one. **Dixie Nash Sakolosky** reports being surrounded by family who moved in for the summer following the death of husband Jim in April. Her spirits were also buoyed by so much support from all of us. She continues to be active locally with friends and receives joy from working in the gardens at her home, many planted by Jim. **Carolyn McEntire Kingsnorth** is busy creating weekly virtual tours of her National Historic Landmark District in Jacksonville, OR, since the pandemic forced cancellation of in-person activities. Husband Bob passed away in October 2018 and she has had to learn to cope with all the house maintenance chores. While recently on a Zoom call a tree from her yard took out part of her roof and came down about 6 feet from her. I think Carolyn wins the "most harrowing pandemic story prize!" **Martha Strickland Betts** has lived a similar life including Zoom book clubs and meetings with sailing friends, as well as a cancelled Canadian trip while sequestered in her home near the Blue Ridge Parkway. However, she and husband Jack have also been able to escape to AL and the lower Shenandoah Valley in their 32-foot RV to visit friends and enjoy the scenery.

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Congratulations to **Alice Harris** who has been elected a Fellow of the British Academy to honor her accomplishments in the field of linguistics. She is named as a "Corresponding Member" as are all members outside the UK. This year Alice retired from U of MA Amherst as Professor Emerita. **Beth McCune Hamrick**, reports that her work as a real estate appraiser is considered "essential work," and she has been able to work through the pandemic restrictions. In June, **Sally Johnson Townley** and some of her family made it to their annual reunion in CO. Prior to



Piedmont, CA Chapter Event with President Bateman at the home of Nancy Northup Lehrkind '70



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that, her daughter and family spent 6 wks with Sally while transitioning to a new house. Sally said everything went well, but the noise and activity levels took some getting used to! One of Sally's offspring owns a restaurant and one owns a gym; COVID has put a lot of stress on them. Her oldest daughter has an online business and weathered the challenges much better. **Melissa Lewis Bernstein** and husband David hunkered down at their home in NYC when it was the COVID epicenter-- no theater, no restaurants, no travel (fortunately they were able to take a 40th anniversary trip to Bermuda in early March), etc. When restaurants began outdoor dining, their 1st dinner was with daughter Lauren and husband at the end of June--their last in-person meeting had been in March. As it has for many of us, Zoom has become part of their lives--for commemorating family events, for meetings, for church services. Melissa says that, when the shutdown began, her 1st call was from a classmate, which was the inspiration for Melissa to reach out and contact other friends. Connecting more often with friends and having more time to read are among the few good things about the pandemic, she comments. Living in another "COVID hotbed," **Leslie Peterson Lammiein** in Houston writes that, while she has lost a few friends, her family is healthy-- including her "pandemic grandson," Owen, "hale and hearty," born last summer. **Mackie Snyder Kudravetz** reports that David's mother, 98, passed away in July. Mackie and David were tasked with cleaning out her apartment. So many of us have taken on caregiving and the practical side of death's aftermath in this phase in our lives. David had knee replacement surgery in Oct.-- another part of our advancing ages! Mackie continues to find solace tending her vegetable garden and working in the yard. **Chris De Vries Carlsten** has used the pandemic months to perfect her baking skills, writing poetry, and Zooming with friends and family. Soon her mediations will be virtual as well. After having gone without seeing their

granddaughter since Christmas, Chris and Jon were looking forward to a 5-day family getaway in the NC mountains. Sympathetic to the challenges of two working parents with school-age children during the pandemic, they have offered to take charge of the children's schooling, virtual at least initially now that school has resumed. Chris, **Alison Taylor, Carol Williams Hatfield, Zanne Clark, Kathleen Carter Knight, and Maggie Ferris Harney** regularly check in with one another. Maggie and Tom have been in their NC home since mid-March, visiting with their family in Asheville, using front porches with social distancing for gatherings. The Atlanta family was COVID tested and stayed with Maggie in NC for 2 wks. Isolated pretty much at home, Maggie has found a silver lining in her garden which she tends to daily. Mary & Martha's Place continues its operation, and Maggie Zooms with staff members and the board, exploring ways to offer fall classes and programs. Like all pastoral care personnel, she longs for face-to-face interactions. In San Antonio where she lives in a retirement home, **Linda Babcock Sorber** writes the activities are limited, and she has resorted to lots of books and puzzles. Her annual spring trip to Hilton Head was cancelled, as was a summer cruise. She notes she cannot leave the country without quarantining upon return. **Kathleen Kerr Memory** enjoyed having her son and his family stay with her for 4 months last spring as they transitioned to a new house. A perfect antidote to the lockdown, Kathleen says. Another bright spot was spending a week at the beach with extended family at a house with room for all 14, with a private pool and walkway to the beach. Having been fortunate to have good health over the years, shortly before Reunion, **Roseanna Huelsenbeck Phillips** contracted viral meningitis, which was followed by a string of medical issues for both Roseanna (2 successful knee replacements) and Bruce, who has survived 2 surgeries and 4 hospitalizations since mid-Feb. He's left with some short-term memory issues but is otherwise recovered. Living

in Fla's Panhandle, hit hard by the virus, Roseanna and Bruce have focused on enjoying each other's company. She says she treasures every day with her best friend, with whom 40 yrs ago she began a life together. He was a widower, and his children and 2 of their own have made for a lively extended family. **Joan Wickham Sugg** laments having to reschedule trips to Belgium and the Netherlands, Great Britain, Japan, Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island--is there any place our intrepid classmate has not been? Her trips have been postponed until 2021 and 2022. Cross stitch has been a meaningful diversion, with graduation presents for godchildren, for babies, for staff at Washington National Cathedral in gratitude for the Sunday services Joan has streamed in lieu of attending her local church in Tarboro, NC. She has been asked by the church's flower guild to create a crewel embroidery, 24"x 40". As much as the pandemic has impacted everyone, Joan feels blessed and is reminded of a quote she learned in Spanish that has much relevance today: "I thought I was poor because I had no shoes Then I met a man who had no feet." From your secretary: the last year has been challenging (an understatement!) but highlights among the lowlights. My lowlights: Dave's father's death last Dec. after 6 mos. of steady decline, a wrist fracture that was not treated properly due to misdiagnosis (to be rebroken and surgically reinforced), Eddie's cancelled wedding last June (to be rescheduled), sequestered in FL (record heat) with no escape plan (Floridians are pariahs!). Highlights: we've all learned the value of friends and families and how to adapt through virtual calls and social media when we cannot connect in person. We've learned how much community means, now that we have had to forego bridge tables at the club, book club meetings, yoga classes, church services and group meetings, restaurant dining with friends. We've learned how to manage our health without the usual safety net of in-person medical appointments. We've learned how to prioritize our time (and essential services stops!).

Most of all, we've learned to treasure things for which we are grateful (pre-pandemic 50th, loving and supportive spouses and partners, family and friends, our health and commitment to Vita abundantior in spite of pandemic sacrifices.

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Kathy Bowden Shields and husband Greg braved the airlines in late June to head from the heat of Austin to their Santa Cruz home. They had planned a June 20 wedding for their son James and fiancé Emily but it was cancelled due to the pandemic; they had a small family wedding June 27 at their viewpoint to the ocean. Greg got deputized to perform the ceremony. Kathy wrote that it was special and gave them a feeling of overcoming the pandemic in some way. Kathy and Greg keep busy with zoom music lessons and meetings. The weather in Santa Cruz has been wonderful and Kathy spends her days gardening, enjoying the redwoods, and weekly walks with friends, the Monday Morning Walkers. They planned to return to Austin in September. **Tally Jennings Brown** wrote that it was a real treat to join other class members in May for a "Raise a Glass" zoom meeting on what would have been the first day of our 50th Reunion and it made her more determined than ever to attend our 50+1 reunion next year. Tally and Roger are still happily married, "despite having only each other for company during the last five mos.!" She is thankful for the continued health of friends and family. In late June, Tally decided to retire from teaching 5th grade and said it was a choice she needed to make. She said it was a difficult decision and is still adjusting to the idea and dealing with conflicting emotions. Tally hopes all members of the Class of 1970 are doing well during these unusual times.

Carol Haley notes that NYC is now in the midst of cautious reopening after being the epicenter of the pandemic. She wrote that there were some terrible mos. and that experience "prompted me to combine planning for an ecological research project that I began considering after I retired in 2019 with long standing interests and experience in human/animal health and epidemiology. I hope to pursue some research that will merge these backgrounds and interests. The pandemic has made more public the interconnectedness of these areas (a concept called One Health), and the enforced at-home time has allowed me to learn as much as I can and think about possible topics for study." Carol wrote that she has been in touch with several alums, including classmate **Cathy Cuneo Turpin, Stacy Delano '71, and Allison Gulick Muller '71**. She also hopes to begin running

5Ks with other people again. **Vicki Burgess Pitman** sent a letter to classmates, sharing her news and I'm including most of it verbatim: "Dear Classmates, 2020 marks 15 yrs. of my volunteering at Dorothy House Hospice in Winsley, near Bath. I am on the Complementary Therapies Team. We give Reflexology, Aromatherapy, Massage, Reiki, Bowen and Acupuncture on the in-patient unit and also to outpatients and their carers and family, and bereaved family members. It is very rewarding to see the benefits CT gives and how the patients and families value it. With COVID we have been suspended but will start back again in September, but wearing all the PPE so it will feel very strange. The main thing is the power of human touch given, even through gloves, with benevolent, loving intention. Back in September, Aromatherapy A Practical Approach, 2nd Edition was published by Lotus Publishing UK, a textbook for those training in aromatherapy. I hope some of you will be curious and check it out on Amazon, etc. This is my 5th book (I cheat, counting this 2nd edition since so thoroughly revised!). As the above will tell, I'm continuing my interest in holistic medicine. And also history, as founding member of the Herbal History Research Network, www.herbalhistory.org. We had our 10th anniversary back in October 2019. We also started an academic research group network on JISCMAIL.ac.uk. Personally, Tony and I, and our 3 daughters and their families have been bypassed by the horrible COVID. We've had a lot of time to get our new allotment into shape and are growing lots of veg, and watching butterflies and bees and hoping this is helping the environment. But my heart goes out to those whom it has touched. Tony continues his interest in Plato and I in things botanical, medicinal and historical, with occasional requests for contributions to this or that. Sending my warm regards and affection to all my classmates. Love, Vicki." Your trusty secretary is hunkered down in Atlanta, though we've been lucky to have our daughter and her family here the last 4 mos. (including Tommy, 2 and Libby, just turned 1) to keep us happy and busy! I see **Sally Abrams Dean** on zoom for our book group discussions and keep in touch with **Frank Hull** via phone and text, often with her sharing photos of her precious new grandson, Quentin. Finally, remember to mark your calendars for June 3-6, 2021 for 50+1 Reunion!

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As we all become more aware of "social distancing" and safe hygiene practices, we have entered a new normal of staying home and seeing each other

less frequently or virtually. In the laboratories where **Debbie Ward Heritage** spent her career, "clean" areas and PPE were an everyday necessity and were always on annual safety exams. Welcome to her world! Before the shutdown, **Kristen Walter Dukes** and daughter **Anna-Genevieve Palmer Dukes '06** celebrated ages 35 and 70 on the "Prosecco Road" near Asolo, Italy. They had so much fun together and finished up in true style at the La Fenice opera production of La Traviata. **Karla Forsythe** has participated in some of the peaceful demonstrations in Portland OR including the Wall of Moms. She was included in local news coverage. Joan Smith has been swimming most mornings since the pool first opened and walking most evenings. Her mother turned 101 this summer and has been quarantined at her senior living center in northern VA. Joan calls the dining service each morning to order her lunch and stay connected with this mostly successful surprise. She reminds us that small things have gotten to be big things, haven't they? **Sarah Rouse Sheehan** has had to cancel two trips as have many others. She has pursued many of the coronavirus confinement activities including bread baking, taking neighborhood walks, learning the names of trees, and enjoying the flowering trees, shrubs, and roses in other people's yards. She has learned to use Zoom and WhatsApp to stay in touch with far-flung friends. She has helped write postcards for mail-in ballots for some states. She visited the Black Lives Matter area near Lafayette Square in DC on a quiet Monday morning. She highly recommends the newest Hilary Mantel historical novel *The Mirror and the Light*. Sarah is rejoicing over the opening of her local public library branch. She remarked on low key joys and delights and a few new things learned. **Fayette Pittman Weaver** and Wink are recuperating from the move out of their home of 37 years into a condo three blocks from their previous address. Their interim home during the move was their tiny cabin near Floyd VA where it is cooler and really beautiful. This year, they have two new grandchildren whom they have not been able to see nearly enough, a girl in Charlotte NC and a boy in Richmond VA. She has had to postpone a lunch with **Marty Brennan Spry** until the virus permits. It is with sadness we report the death in July of Rev. Dr. Donald Roberts, husband of **Polly Sheffield Roberts**, from an undetermined brain disorder. Don was a Methodist minister in many VA areas. They were happily married for 49 years. We can all look forward to our 50th Reunion June 3-6, 2021. Please volunteer to help on the Reunion Committee. We need your input for the best possible celebration. **Karen Russell** and **Debbie Ward Heritage** have volunteered to put together a reunion booklet with a short biography of your lives and a recent picture. We

will be sending reminder letters to keep you up to date on Reunion plans and information about submitting your information and the class gift. Remember to update your personal information with the College, especially any new email address so we can keep in touch.

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Prissy Doss Burns wrote that she remains deeply sad that our beloved woman's college did a "pivot" to use the current fad word. She is a proud supporter of Agnes Scott College from which her youngest graduated and where she and her husband served on the Parents' Council. Like many, she is working from home, continuing the wonderful job she's had for the past seven and a half years as Parish Administrator for Christ Church in the City of Boston known to many across the globe as the Old North Church made famous by the Longfellow poem, Paul Revere's Ride. The church is closed to visitors until there is a COVID vaccine, but online worship continues. She said if anyone happens to be in Boston next spring or beyond, she would love to be your personal tour guide! **Suzanne Richard Thomas** said it's been a while, but since we are all turning 70 this year and with Covid-19 surrounding us, she thought she would touch base to say that she is still alive, as is husband Drew. They recently moved to Georgetown, Texas to be near their children Alex (41) who lives in Olathe, Kansas with wife Courtney and two children, and Brindley (40) who lives there in Georgetown with husband Ryan Vancura and their four little Vancuras. The fun part is that her daughter-in-law and son-in-law are brother and sister, which she says makes them eligible to live in West Virginia! Drew is retired, but Suzanne is going down blazing because there is just too much she has left to finish. Their new address as of November will be 3104 Lago Way, Round Rock, TX 78665. She exchanged letters recently with **Cornelia Hopkins Jones**, who is still living near Atlanta and is totally absorbed in being a 70 year old jock (no surprise there). She and her tennis buddies won the national title for 3.5 doubles last year in their age category. Son Jason has relocated to New Zealand and will soon be married. Cornelia and Mike have been married over 50 years. How wonderful to hear from Suzanne! **Lorena Kern** wrote that she is surviving being in the epicenter of the pandemic! She followed all directions, stayed in. She only went out to the grocery store and wiped everything down etc., etc., etc. The dog has been a savior in a way, she says, because it forced her to go out for a walk 4x a day! The people in her neighborhood



NYC alums joined Emily Chua, music professor, at Carnegie Hall, January 2020

have been pretty good about masks and distancing. She hasn't been very productive during this period, no closets or drawers have been cleaned out and not many books have been read. However, she resumed piano lessons last September (after 50 years) and has loved it. She says she has not practiced all that much during the lock down - it seems hard to focus. Her next big question is can she make it to LA for Thanksgiving/Christmas with family? Lorena did add two more important things. One, **Anne Harrington's** daughter Nora, who works for the UN in Geneva, had a baby boy in July-Julien! It probably should be Anne's news to report, but this is great news. She said the baby and mother look spectacular, but she is sorry they are so far away! The other news is that she has recently joined the RC Board of Trustees. It became official in July and she attended her first meeting via conference call which was really too bad - but OK for now. Lorena went on to add that this is a truly difficult time for higher education, especially small liberal arts colleges, but she is hoping we all make it through. She is excited about the position and looks forward to helping out and getting to visit **Jean Stewart** and Nancy Gray and the College when she goes to meetings in Lynchburg! Lorena is a most devoted alumna and has always assessed the College's difficulties and dilemmas thoughtfully. We are proud of our classmate being selected for this tremendous responsibility. The College is in good hands! **Debbie Clark** wrote that the library where she works had been closed for 2 mos., but she had started back full time as of June 1. She says there are fewer patrons than usual and they have to quarantine books for 4 days before they check them in. She is doing all her story hours online which is new for her! Her 100 yr. old mom **Alyce Clark '42** is fine, but gets out only to go to the doctor or to the DQ drive through! Some of the girls from Debbie's high school class get together once a month on Zoom to share memories, talk about current events, and recommend good books, etc. Debbie ended, saying, "Life is sure different and isolating in lots

of ways, but there are lots of heartwarming stories out there too. Stay safe everyone!" **Laura Bullock Crumbley** has been locked at home with her mother. Laura is cooking 3 meals a day. Husband Jess plays golf with new rules on days that aren't killer hot. You know Laura is a traveler, but now her "trips" are to the grocery, the hardware and the dump. She's had a few ZOOM meetings. When she has had the grandkids over to swim, they can be disinfected with chlorine! They are all wearing their masks. Laura brought up the memory of when we were sent home early for Christmas break December, 1968 because of the Hong Kong flu. It hung around through 1971. She wondered if anyone in our class ever got it. She was also curious if anyone in our class has gotten COVID. Anabel Smith Bowen reports that they have managed to go to their condo on the Outer Banks a couple of times and are staying well so far. I love **Ann Sturgis Coates** that she considers responding to me as an "RSVP" and sends a response right away! And she's really not from the South, but brought up well! She reports that they all are well. She and Randy had planned their 70th celebrations as a trip to Scandinavia in September. She is just hoping that they won't be too old by the time people are able to travel again! Her gallery has been closed, but she has been doing wine sales from her online list, giving 20% discount and delivering. She sells 2-4 cases a week. She has done 2 featured shows all promoted online and by Facebook. The artists have done Facebook Live shows to introduce their work. Response has been amazing! Sales are better than if they had been open! The new normal! She misses her grandson, Flynn's visits and sleepovers, but she can see him across the fence. She ended with, "Stay well and keep sane!" Art and wine are very sustaining during this time. **Bette Jones Albert** and **Ellen Parkhurst**, in a stroke of great timing, went to the Falklands, South Georgia and Antarctica in January. They had a great time and returned to VA in time to learn about this "new virus coming out of China." So they were able to get on their 70th birthday trip! In the last class

notes online, Ellen gave her description of their trip. Bette had a call from Stuart Tuggle Harkleroad and they had a great time catching up. Although Betsy Caldwell Mackin transferred to UVA after sophomore year, R-MWC left an indelible impression on her. She enjoys news from the College and attending chapter events in Birmingham. Her two sons live nearby, and her 7-year-old granddaughter keeps her busy. In July Betsy celebrated turning 70 as well as retirement (30 years as teacher and psychometrist). **Juliette Ezzell Grumley's** Paul has considered it a full-time job to cancel the various trips they had planned to celebrate their 70th birthdays! Instead of being in Russia, she enjoyed a socially distant birthday luncheon with 10 close friends and carry-in dinner with her 96-year old mother and two of her four kids plus a family Zoom. Juliette's youngest, Thomas and wife Caitlin are expecting their first child November 1. Being of "that demographic" during a pandemic is quite an experience, and they are trying to play it safe and stay technologically proficient. **Julianne Low Venable's** mother, Estelle, died in April. Estelle had moved to Birmingham, where Julianne lives now, from Brewton, where Julianne grew up. They had a small family service for her in Brewton. Julianne's two sisters, Betty Jean and Melanie, both went to Randolph-Macon. Over this pandemic period, Julianne and John have gone to the lake a few times, but mostly they've stayed home and so far have stayed healthy. Julianne has been trying new recipes and cooking more. She's also done some cleaning out because they are going to downsize soon. **Nancy Johnson Anderson** celebrated her 70th birthday by becoming a COVID cliché and adopting another shelter dog. Between entertaining & accustoming them to one another and doing political activities over the phone and via Zoom, she's been really busy. She's had no time to grieve the loss of travel! She ended with, "Here's hoping the country will be in a better place after the general election." Yes, COVID did impact **Jane Matthews Ashman's** RV traveling. They stayed home getting almost everything delivered, and, of course, Amazon made it easier! They grew a small garden, had the best looking lawn in years, and swam daily in the pool. Once restrictions were lifted, they made short RV trips into north Georgia. Campgrounds do everything online or phone and you go directly to your site, no contact. They took lots of drives out country mountain roads with picnic lunches from their RV. She certainly did miss their intended trip to the Rocky Mountains, but with luck and a vaccine maybe next year. From Jane, "Be gone COVID!! Gosh can 50 be so soon?" Yes, and 72 is the new 50! From across the pond, Dame Debbie Carson reports that lockdown has eased up in the UK. Therefore, she and husband George set off on

a bicycle trip in the August heatwave. At the time of writing, they were in Yorkshire, having just crossed the mighty river Humber. They camp or stay in hotels, planning a few days ahead. Many attractions are closed, but the Dame says it's great to be outdoors. The food is good and they always feel they've earned it. The Dame is not a particularly outdoorsy type, but the e-bike has changed her attitude towards physical exertion. The virus restrictions caused her to miss a visit to VA in April, but she is hopeful it will be possible to get there soon. The past 6 months haven't been the greatest, wrote **Jane Hamrick Blaus**, but there have been some bright spots! Right before the lockdown despite hearing "rumors" of the Covid virus, she and her daughter took a trip to Hawaii. Jane flew out to meet her in CA and then they journeyed on to The Big Island! Now she knows why people rave about Hawaii! Several wks. later, everything broke loose and before complete lockdown, her daughter came home to shelter with them for 3 1/2 mos.! That was a blessing as it made lockdown bearable! Jane has made over 100 masks for friends, family and neighbors including many children. As Jane says, "This has made me feel like I'm doing my bit!" Another blessing was getting to be her granddaughter's kindergarten teacher as they do virtual learning! Both of her parents have jobs where they can't stay home, so this works out well for everyone. Like many, they had to cancel two trips they'd planned for this year to Ireland and the Mediterranean, but Jane has high hopes for the second half of next year! So do we all! I have continued a weekly Zoom meeting with several classmates that started in April. It is with **Joan McRae, Cathy Simmons Brookman, Juliette Ezzell Grumley, Martha Johnston, Dame Debbie Carson, and Julianne Low Venable**. We could talk all day, but since we start in the late afternoon, the participants get hungry. The Dame is up late at night because of the time difference in England. We are all doing great in this COVID time.

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Liisa Blank Spinello keeps up with several '73 alums, vacationing with Debbie Greene

Watson in Orlando in February, in touch daily with **Belinda Morris Friedrich** who recently moved from Memphis to SC, and frequently with **Jarisse Gennarri Sanborn** who lives in CO. Liisa is retiring after 14 years working as the Sexual Assault Care Coordinator for Palm Beach County. Since traveling is currently not an option, she plans to clean out her house (which she calls a Huge Task) and play with her two grandsons, ages 7 and 4. **Laura Koiner Walters** and husband have lived in Bakersville NC since 2012 where they have a really nice home on almost 7 acres with mountain views, which she enjoys, but says the best part is an acre of pasture. Laura has 6 sheep (a motivation for the move), 29 chickens (eggs, anyone?), 3 dogs, 1 cat. She doesn't shear the sheep, but does wash, card and spin the wool herself. She also knits and weaves. She feels lucky and privileged enough that the pandemic hasn't really changed her life at all. Laura has 2 sons: one in LA working for Harbor Freight who traveled with his 2 cats on their recent move from Chicago. Driving a few hours each day, he then let them have the run of the motel room while he "went to work" via computer. The other son has his PhD in Clinical Psychology from Fordham U and is in his 2nd year of a post-doctoral program in psychoanalysis at the Austen Riggs Center in Stockbridge MA. While Laura enjoys retirement, she is preparing to un-retire. Having graduated from seminary with her MDiv in '79, she is seeking ordination toward parish ministry in the Lutheran Church. She says, "Life took me far off that path, but is now bringing me back." **Sally Gaede Clauss** showed **Lisa Cloar Sutton** and husband David around the Naples FL area in February. It was so much fun! Great memories. She heard from **Carole Collins Colley** who described how the Corona virus was influencing life in the London area. Carole and husband Tim also hosted the Suttons in London during their October visit, featuring dinner chez Colley with fellow London resident, **Monie Lindsay**. The Colleys arranged for the Suttons to join them for a spectacular evening at Royal Albert Hall celebrating the 75th anniversary of the famous Ronnie Scott's Jazz Club. Carole says that more recently, she and Tim have just been "lying low and trying to avoid the virus in the big city." **Lisa Cloar Sutton**, husband David, and their Springer Spaniel Bentley traveled a "southeastern loop" through NC, SC, FL, LA, MS, AL, and GA during Jan and Feb. They enjoyed visits with **Tisha Shelden** in Lakeland FL (lots of laughter), and Sally Gaede Clauss at her lovely new home in Naples FL. Bentley played with Sally's doodle dog Bentley while the adults enjoyed dinner at a spectacular beachfront restaurant. Please send notes and updated contact information any time you think of it.

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Robin L. Shay shares, "I'm happily working as a clinical faculty member at the Johns Hopkins University School of Education in the Urban Teachers Program. This is my sixth year teaching and coaching teachers serving our students in Baltimore City Schools. The work is as challenging as it is rewarding but I'm driven by the belief that all kids, regardless of their socioeconomic backgrounds, can become skilled readers, writers, and mathematicians. My three adult children are gainfully employed and my only grandchild is a blessing. Allen and I celebrated 43 years of marriage in July. Please stay safe and healthy as we navigate this difficult time."

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The COVID-19 pandemic was a major part of the notes this time around. Many had to cancel travel plans as a result. **Karen Campbell** and husband Bob huddled down in Huddleston during the pandemic. They had to cancel a scuba diving trip because of the need for social distancing. **Leigh Martin Lowe** says travel continues to be a major part of her life with husband Henry. They continue to explore new places; yet, return to WY and ME every summer. Family, church, and landscape painting fill her days and nights in ways she never imagined. **Dawn Keogh** worked in the solitary and safe environment of her office at Little Hoquiam Shipyard in Hoquiam, WA to take care of necessary tasks to keep the business running during the COVID-19 days. Her daughter, Charlotte, a senior at Randolph College, moved in with **Randall Johnson Watts** when the College extended the spring break and then announced the closure of the campus for the remainder of the year. Dawn's last chemo treatment for Stage 3C colon cancer was May 14, 2019. She was hospitalized and very ill from May 28 until July 2019. She returned to work mid-August 2019.

Lisa Peniston Seig and husband Pat stayed home in MD during the mos. of social distancing. Pat cranked out pandemic paintings and together they made corona creations. Despite the names, they are of calm places in nature or of people they love. She and Pat were part of an exhibition "Ambient Punk" at the Tryst Gallery in Leesburg, VA. Unfortunately the corona virus outbreak interfered with people viewing it. It was only available online. **Debbie Randall Bowie** saw it and was very impressed at the quality of Lisa's photographs and Pat's paintings. **June Bivins Baumoe** and husband Jim celebrated their 35th anniversary in March. Jim tore his patella in Oct. '19 and required 24 hr. care for over two mos. They were already pros at staying home together before the stay-at-home requirements of COVID-19. June began making tee shirt quilts 3 yrs. ago and enjoys reminiscing about their great travels through the shirts. **Edna Aquirre Rehbein** retired July '19 after working 35 years in higher education. She feels she has finally "graduated" college and is now "commencing" the next phase of her life, enjoying time with



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grandchildren, children, husband, and friends. During the COVID-19 days, **Libby Dodd Slight** stayed connected with her family via Zoom, Houseparty or Google Hangouts. She enjoyed taking a pause and catching up with friends, purging, reading, watching recommended shows, doing home projects, listening to music, and walking! Debbie Randall Bowie, who had been working part-time with clutter clearing/organizing clients, shut down her business during the pandemic. She gave up on the idea that she could learn to play the oboe and switched to the clarinet in Jan. '20. She survived COVID-19 confinement by practicing her clarinet and continuing music classes on Zoom. **Christine Chandler Giovetti** and husband Al have been running a tax practice for 40 years. This tax season was very strange. In the past they did some work by mail, but this year they did everything that way. She and Al celebrated their 43rd anniversary in March. **Carol Simpson Mohrman** and husband Joel, celebrated their 40th anniversary last fall in Hawaii. After she retired from her final "paid" job in 2008, she became an expert U-Haul truck driver for daughter, Shannon, moving her to Bard College, NY, Colorado, back to Houston and finally to Lexington, VA, where her husband attended law school at W&L. She spent the last few years helping her elderly mother-in-law until her passing in 2017, and now she helps her own mother. She gets together with **Anthony Long Startz** for wine dates, and sees **Anne Pressler Csorba '87**, her next door neighbor, and **Laura Moreton McDaniels '78** and **Lucy McCarl '52** who live just around the corner. **Kim Pusey Crawford** sent well-wishes for all of our classmates and their families during the COVID-19 crisis. Living in CA, the first state to declare Stay-at-Home, she and her family were at home, doing their part to show their love for others. **Pattie (Toad) Hallett** had a rough first 90 days of 2020. One of her two yellow labs, Barkley, was hit by a car in Jan., breaking one of his legs. He required two hospitalizations for steel rod placement and subsequent rod removal.

Toad, ever the rebel, coped with the pandemic by bending local social distancing rules and staying at the Marriott at Barony Beach, 7 miles from her house. Seeing the beach and the ocean from her window was chicken soup for her soul. She really missed getting/giving hugs during that challenging time.

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I am so pleased to be your new Secretary! I have been doing lots of travelling and babysitting my grandchildren. Twins Travis and Bebe, 4, and brother Teddy, 2, along with Corry Ann, 2, are so much fun. Thanks to **Sue Danin Dickey** for serving as class secretary and to **Sherry Lynch Conrad** and **Leslie Sherman Gaske**, our class agents. Certainly a hard act to follow! Sue attended **Susan Harrison's** wedding in MD just before quarantine. "So fun and beautiful and so happy for Susan and family." Daughter Sarah attended the wedding of **Ann Preston Farmer '80's** daughter Molly; they were close friends in college. Sue missed staying with **Bowie Collins Shields '80** and husband David as Randolph College May alumnae board meeting was held virtually. Bowie has always been a great hostess and wonderful friend. Sue keeps in touch with **Beth Shinn Kempe '78** in Atlanta, a great help to a friend's daughter. She and her family are well. As in past years, Sue skied CO mountains, visited FL, and made it through another winter in MI. She is still playing mahjong and golf, book clubbing, skiing, studying the Torah and loving life. Plans to meet with **Libba Bushnell Williams**, **Mindy Meredith Coulter**, and **KC Hughes Halpern**

were cancelled due to COVID-19, but the group keeps in close touch. Sue is looking forward to getting back on planes and in the air to explore more than meets the eyes. **Marty Daniel Tucker** is enjoying her grandkids. Recently her grandson, 2, woke up and said, "I need chocolate." She is reading *Fly Girls* and *The Falcon Thief*. Flower arranging videos are helping improve her church flower guild skills. The only horsing around she is doing is visiting her daughter's horse, now 29, with a bag of carrots. Black Hawk alias Bubba helped her daughter get her HA in USPC and a reserve show jumping ribbon at USPC Championships. Marty and Bubba fox hunted, showed in some rusty stirrup classes, and really enjoyed hunter trials. She has not ridden in a few years and thinks an R-MWC rider reunion would be a grand get together. She would like to hear from Randy Mac horse riders. **Laurie Raffensperger Turner** is enjoying retirement, and husband Drew has started his retirement transition from Edward Jones. They have ordered a small RV, so they may be coming to visit some of you over the next few years. Spring travel plans to Amsterdam were cancelled. Son Andrew, 28, has taken over part of Drew's business and loves helping people. He bought his first house and offered to host Thanksgiving this year! Jackson, 25, is living in Boone, works for App State, and is enjoying being in the mountains 3 hours away. **Janet Hansen Martinet** and husband Mike are doing well. Son Michael graduated from VA Tech and works as a biochemist for a pharmaceutical company in Rockville MD. Son Henry is taking HVAC classes, now on-line. He misses the labs. Janet shows her art with the Potomac Valley Watercolorists and other groups and is trying to catch up with her gardening. **Mary Gardill** says working at home is new for her during the quarantine, but her Boston home is cozy. All that R-MWC education always keeps her reading many books! **Della McFatridge Sweeney** and husband recently welcomed a granddaughter. Congratulations to all! **Jamie Gavin Sullivan** has immersed herself in all those to-do projects that needed to be done. Hence this shelter in place order is working well for her, except for missing the grandchildren; those FaceTime hugs are not the same! Husband Michael is retired and is getting involved at a university focusing on technology and biotech startups. Jamie has been doing volunteer work for a children's clinic and her church. She drives to Madison WI on Tuesdays where she is chief babysitter for her grandsons, 5 and 3. It's a nice way to stay involved in their lives. Daughter Kate is a PA-C, doing phone consults now rather than going to the clinic. Husband Joe works for a biotech company which is quite busy with test kits etc. Daughter Meg, a science teacher, has switched to e-learning for her 7th graders, a



Elizabeth Ray Fournet '81, Lynn Vaughn '81, Alice Morgan Marrin '81, Blanche Lambert Lincoln '82, Shawn Atkinson Watt '81, and Jane Beth Parker McCarty '82 Christmas shopping in DC in Dec. 19



Zoom Reunion with 1983 classmates

challenge not having availability for the students to do the experiments. Husband Nick is an attorney. Jamie had a wonderful time at Reunion reconnecting with everyone. She says, "We were a small but formidable group representing the class of '79." Our 40th Reunion was so much fun, with 14 classmates in attendance, and included many hours of visiting, laughing, and reminiscing. I hope many of you will start thinking about our 45th Reunion in 2024! Please keep in touch; we love hearing from you.

REUNION—JUNE 3-6, 2021 1980

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In May 2020, our classmates were invited to have a Zoom gathering to bring us together, as our 40th Reunion was postponed due to Covid-19. During our sharing, your secretary feverishly took notes for these Class Notes. This is not meant to be complete and total. Our Zoom session lasted 3 hours! **Janet Barger** shared that she was laid off in 2008 and currently works at a senior living community. She was hired to plan activities for the residents part time and handle sales part time. Janet and **Elisabeth King Seibold** discovered that they both are in the Dallas area. **Beth Bentley** retired after a 35 yr. career in affordable housing and became a massage therapist. Covid-19 has sidelined that new career, but she is still a yoga instructor. Beth lives in Jersey City, NJ and has been into cleaning and cooking with all her hours at home. **Katy Colonna Worriow** reflected that "I wish I'd taken some economics classes instead of all math and science classes." Economics would have come in handy with her business and CEO responsibilities. Congratulations to Katy for being selected as an Alumnae Achievement Award recipient! She'll be recognized when we do our Reunion the weekend of June 3-6, 2021. Katy then reported on her twin sons. William is

a classics major and pre med minor at Davidson University. Charles is in Manhattan at Deloitte. Katy added that border collie "Buddy" is the love of the family's lives. **Vicki Epley Bezems** has lived in Allentown, PA for 28 yrs. The day of our Zoom gathering was her 25th wedding anniversary. She shared that her husband is from Aruba. Her daughter is a music major and computer minor at the Univ. of MI. Her son just graduated from the Univ. of PA and is teaching chemistry. Their family has dogs too. A rescue schnauzer, Watson, is a member of the family. Vicki said that they all go to Marion, NC often and she's so thankful that her kids are still in their lives. Katy Worriow and Vicki learned that they live just 5 miles from each other in PA. **Susan Farmer** is a civil service psychologist in the Army. She went to Topeka, KS for her residency and has stayed there. She gets to write and telework a lot. She recently took a novel writing class. **Robin Glick Baum** has a passion for literacy. After teaching, she worked for Houghton-Mifflin. In 2007-08, she worked with h.s. reading. Since then, she's been treated for 9 meningiomas (tumors on the lining of the brain). Her right leg doesn't work. She lives independently in a long-term care facility, Westminster Maryland. She's just 15 mins. away from where her dad lives. **Laura Hylbert** divorced and moved to Grand Junction, CO. She loves dogs and cats, but doesn't have any pets right now. Laura, Janet Barger, **Debbie Stackpole Battersby** and **Karla Kowalczyk** got together for a 60th birthday celebration. **Judy Kennedy Elliott** shared stories about her first grandchild, 7 mo. old Daisy Billings. Daisy and her mom, Judy's daughter Emily and Emily's husband Derek all live in CT. Frequent photos and videos on Family Album and a weekly Zoom chat with Emily and Daisy have helped to bridge the distance. "We miss them but they love CT and we love VA. We've all remained healthy so loving them from a distance will continue for the foreseeable future. **Elisabeth King Seibold** was

at R-MWC for our first 2 yrs. but then returned home to TX and completed her degree at UT-Austin. She's been married to John for 10 yrs. She took a break from work to care for her dad and he passed away in 2017. Elisabeth shared that her dog, Max, is the love of her life. Elisabeth is excited to be in touch with our classmates again. If you remember her from her time with us, drop her a line at eking5247@sbcglobal.net. It's good to have you back, Elisabeth! **Ellen McCarthy** lives in Scarborough, ME. **Mary Moyer Cowser** is married to Don who is a W&L graduate. They married in the early 1980s. In 2004 they adopted Chinese twins who were 16 mos. old. The family is complete thanks to a golden retriever and a golden doodle. Mary's mom passed away in Dec. 2019. **Thalia Pantelidis Hocker** has taught Latin in VA Beach for 40 yrs. She misses face-to-face classes with her students. They changed to virtual classes in early 2020. Their family is looking for a dog. **Kathy** and **Jenny Sooy** are political science professors at Sinclair Community College in Dayton, OH. They wrote a poli-sci textbook this year. Thank you, Phebe Wescott and Lauren Grimmett, for providing us with this opportunity to see each other and visit with one another. What a treat! Earlier in May, there was a Zoom chat for the Reading group for our class. Fifteen of our thirty members participated! **Anita Mashiter** splits her time between Boston and RI. Her daughter Hayley and her boyfriend were quarantined in Boston. **Sherryll Anne Baker Pace's** four children were quarantined at their beach property. **Beth Gouaux Levitzky** is still at LSU where she teaches masters and doctoral students. **Allison Hedgepeth Clock** was in Reading last year and Dr. Ivy was there. The Ivys still live in Cambridge, England and are doing well. Judy Kennedy Elliott's high for the last yr. was the birth of her first grandchild, Daisy Billings, born 10/30/19. Her low was five days in the hospital in Feb. for the flu. Contracting Covid-19 is not an option! **Janel O'Connor** keeps books for

her husband's business. She used to care for her mother who has now passed away. **Caren Smith Dubai**, Janel's roommate in Reading, told her to say "Hi!" to everyone. **Becky Pardo Ruffin** reported that her youngest child, Maggie, works in an E.R. in Atlanta. Maggie tells her that the E.R. is slow at times because normal E.R. patients are afraid to come to the E.R. Becky became a grandmother thanks to older daughter, Leigh. Details to follow. Becky is in touch with **Ellen Schall Agnew**. Becky's son lived in an apt. behind the Cavalier. Every time she came to visit her son, she and Ellen would have a beer and a hot dog at the Cav. Strolling down Memory Lane. **Cathy Pratt Morris** said, "We're having lovely weather in CA and we're staying inside." You can check out the church that Cathy pastors at dixonumc.org. **Valerie von Rosenvinge** announced that her second book, *Beyond the Stones*, is available for sale on Amazon. Check out her webpage at valerievonrosenvinge.com to learn more about the book. **Ellen Webb McFee** retired and is on her own. Daughter Mollie is married and lives in Chicago. Ellen and Mollie are going to New Orleans later this year. **Beth Levitzky** invited Ellen to come visit her while she and Mollie are in NOLA. **Jane Wiley Jacob** married a classmate of **Beth Bentley's** from grad school. The group discussed the idea of doing Zoom sessions again. All said that they'd be very interested in meeting again and on a regular basis. Special thanks to Valerie for hosting this session!

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A reality of Class Notes is that there is severe lag time between each step of gathering, writing and publishing. This explains why you didn't see news from our Class of 83 Zoom in the email-published Aug. Class Notes even though the Zoom screenshot of us was pictured. (If you missed those notes, go to www.randolphcollege.edu/classnotes and then scroll down for Class of 1983. Sundial is the password.) The news from the Zoom is below. Another reality is that at the time, COVID, dear COVID, was something new, to which we were adjusting. A lot of this news could

be different now! Our thoughts and prayers go out to each of you as so many different life milestones have been altered due to the Pandemic. Prior to the Class Zoom, **Elizabeth Seward Deastlov** called me in response to my pleas for news. She is still in Shrewsbury MA teaching Kindergarten at a catholic school. A few weeks into teaching virtually, she was already experiencing the difficulties of teaching squirmy youngsters via electronics. Her Payton was a high school senior and Mary Cuthbertson was at UofR. Now onto the Zoom call and another reality: I am a terrible note taker. To be fair, people were joining and dropping and all talking at the same time and people who hadn't been spotted for YEARS were appearing so there was some "who the heck is THAT"! I apologize if I got things wrong, left things out, or just made things up! We tried to give a few minutes to each person for an update. In no particular order: **Mary Parramore McCants** (Columbia SC) and **Allison Kay Jarvis** (Tyler TX) discovered they both had children finishing high school and they would each have one at Furman next fall. **Nancy Kline** is in Richmond hiking, doing puzzles and gardening. **Katherine Blackwell West** is still in Richmond and doing real estate. Her (24 and 25-year-old) kids were home quarantining. She was sporting Clemson orange and indicated she had a wardrobe full due to her daughter having attended there. **Muffet Wright Chapman** is in Spartanburg doing Interior Design and still able to get onto the construction sites. Ann Lindner Morrison is fostering 3 puppies and has a daughter at Davidson College. She has been in touch with **Virginia Evans** who has moved to Mississippi. **Jennifer Ey Lott** is working from her house in Columbia SC. She has 2 sons, 25 and 22, the younger one having graduated from USC—that would be University of SOUTH CAROLINA, folks, not that other one. **Melissa Marks Williams** is proud grandma to her newest granddaughter, for a total of 3 granddaughters. **Martha Frase** won a speech writing award, moved to Richmond and has a daughter in Austin who just graduated. **Jody Taylor Duke** works in stream and wetland restoration. She has a son in Tallahassee. Her NYC daughter and son-in-law moved in during quarantine. Sounds like they are amazing cooks and therefore welcome! **Jackie Cambias Peer** lives north of New Orleans. She has puppies but no kids and had to leave our Zoom early. **Martha Capshaw Chamberlin** is in Winston-Salem. Her 27-year-old son graduated from Elon and planned to marry in September. Her 25-year-old son finished at Guilford College. Martha sees MCD at the beach. **Maggie Williams** is in Austin and is buying her first home! She has worked for the state for 21 years. **Kim Keleher** is still in Alexandria VA but is now training dogs for fun and profit! Some story came up about her

walking a beat with another woman when she lived in NYC but my notes are a bit sketchy... as is her walking the streets of NYC! For some reason, I have no notes for **Caroline Kelly Buncick** but I know she said something funny. I do know that she and her husband visited briefly with **Robin Winford Daughtry** recently. Robin's daughter was married in July. Attending the wedding via Zoom was a first—it was LOVELY! **Margaret Davis Shields** does grant writing and has been very busy and successful during the "COVID months" raising money to repair New Bern after Hurricane Florence. **Jamie Ledbetter D'Innocenzo** lives north of Boston and if you thought she had no life BEFORE COVID! **Elizabeth Maffey** lives in her house in Philadelphia. Others have said the house is lovely but I can attest to only seeing 1 chair, 1 wall and 1 Bear, her sweet dog, during Zoom. **Sara Thompson** lives and breathes in Richmond, still working for Meriwether-Godsey. With colleges and schools deciding how to operate in this Pandemic, things have been a bit up in the air. **Catherine Calcote Fischer** is in Charlotte playing Nurse Ratched during her husband's hip replacement surgery recovery. OK, now for the begging and threatening for the news part: send us news or we'll send you COVID! JK

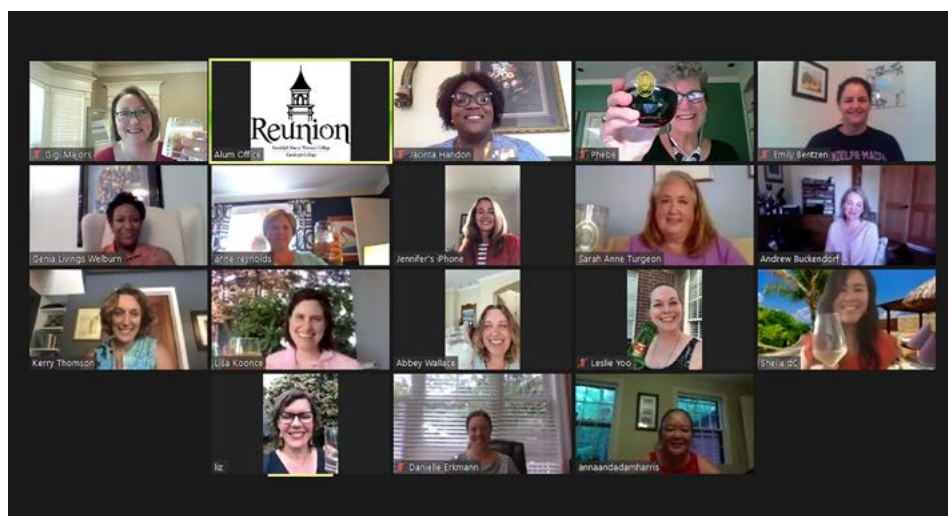
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Carol Tredway Chesney reports that while she hasn't sent in an update in yrs., there's no time like the present. Carol retired from executive life in 2018 and has concentrated on her portfolio career as a non-executive director of four listed companies in the UK. It's very rewarding and provides her with greater flexibility—originally for travel with her family—but they've had three trips cancelled this year alone, one being a blow-out trip to Japan that they had been really looking forward to! Their son is in his final yr. of school and will head off to univ. (or a conservatoire) in September 2021. Carol says that while homeschooling hasn't been too bad, it can be tiresome being in the house so much. She can't wait to travel to the States again to see family and friends but not sure when that will be. **Liz Kelly** says she is used to working at home for Goody PR company (which she founded) and teaching marketing classes online for UCLA Extension, but confesses to going a little stir crazy being "home alone" in Santa Monica, CA (Los Angeles County) under our #StayAtHome Order. Liz's boyfriend is at high risk with diabetes, and she is unable to see him because she may be an "unknown carrier." To stay connected, she is most grateful for FaceTime! To stay positive, she is thinking about adopting a



1993: Genevieve Neale and husband Kim with Tina Kirk and her husband at a 1920s flapper-themed party



1995: Raise a Glass virtual event, honoring Reunion 2020

rescue dog, starting a podcast with tips from her latest book ("8-Second PR") and brainstorming new business ideas. Liz says, "We are all survivors, and I'd love to hear from you @LizHKelly on Facebook or Instagram. And as a suggestion - Maybe R-MWC can do a "late graduation" for the 2020 seniors?" **Christy Mullen** is teaching first grade at a Title 1 school in Chapel Hill. This is a fresh start after her nine-yr. run at a Title 1 school in Durham, NC. Christy reports that school in Chapel Hill will be virtual until January 2021. We were all saddened to hear that Christy's father, Donald Collins Mullen, passed away in May. Dr. Mullen was known for his personal warmth and capricious intellect, embodying the pillars of family, community, faith, and service to others.

Tori Staples Shequine moved from Baltimore to Silver Spring, MD in 2018. Tori founded Alternative Counseling and Wellness Center that now has 7 offices between Maryland and Rehoboth DE. Tori reports that her practice has been entirely online since March 2020 and she is very busy treating clients, essential employees, and all the folks that have pandemic anxiety.

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Congrats to **Beth Oast Williams** on her debut poetry chapbook **Riding Horses in the Harbor**, a collection about the intersection of human experience with our natural landscape. Raised on the Elizabeth River, Williams celebrates the waterways of Southeastern VA as a living connection to the loss of loved ones. Here, floods and storms reinforce the realization that we have such little control over nature's force.



Tina Kirk '93 showcases her Blue Kentucky Wisteria.

Her poetry has appeared in West Texas Literary Review, Wisconsin Review, Glass Mountain, and The Bookends Review, among others. She was nominated for the 2019 Pushcart Prize in poetry, received second place in the 2019 Poetry Matters Project and was a semi-finalist for Poet's Billow's 2018 Atlantis Award. Visit her website at BethOastWilliams.com

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Ruth Chaffin Airhart practiced social distancing during a recent reunion with Robyn Hartzog Wise in her home in Germantown, MD.

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Susan Ellinger Shaylor lives in Marietta, GA, with her family and sent in an update. (Many of you will read it and think that much of it sounds familiar.) Susan's son was a senior at Lipscomb University when COVID caused a move at spring break to online learning; he finished out his college career at home. Unfortunately, his graduation ceremony was virtual only like so many others. In addition, Susan has a 16 yr. old daughter who just finished her freshman year in h.s. virtually as well as another daughter who graduated from 8th grade without all of the wonderful traditions her school usually celebrates. She was finally able to attend an in-person graduation on 8/8/20. Susan shared that planning social distanced events is certainly interesting. Finally, our fellow alumna told of her family losing three parents in less than four mos. right before COVID hit. Unfortunately,



Seattle Chapter Event in March

I have noticed that several of our class have also lost family members in the last yr. I know that all of us would wish to know of your losses so that we might pray for as well as check up on you. Please drop me a line to our class email address, and I will make sure your parents, grandparents, and other family members are honored in the next issue of Vita Abundantior. In closing, please remember that we will be celebrating our belated 30th Reunion next spring, June 3-6.

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To everyone who joined our 25th Zoom reunion in May - it was great to see all of you! Not how we planned to meet, but fingers crossed for 2021! **Heather Bradley Benza's** family is growing. 2 kids are taller than Heather & one was so desperate for McDonalds they broke down & got an air fryer for delicious homemade fries. **Laurel Westly's**



Jenny Minniti-Shippey and Anne Lenhart at the San Diego Zoo

family had several staycations, including hikes & backpacking trips. She's working from home (who knew a physician could work from home?). Loving her commute & using the extra time to Marie Kondo her house. Her garden has 2 kinds of tomatoes that are taller than she is, & zucchini bigger than daughter Mara at birth. **Jen Roper Gulsrud** completed her 2nd masters from Penn State (an MPA, Finance & Budget) in Dec which led to her new job at King County Metro in Seattle as a Business & Finance Officer managing a billion dollar budget for bus. operations! Husband Drew finished his nursing (RN) degree. **Cathy King Madsen's** family is doing pretty well in COVID times. The biggest challenge is trying to parent her extremely strong-willed, active daughter Charlotte (age 4) while both parents telework (& no yard). She's already reading at a 1st-grade level, so they will homeschool her this fall. Please pray for their souls! Husband Dane left his job at Mitre after 10 yrs. & Cathy celebrated her 1-yr. anniversary as Program Manager of the Health Services Research Program at Uniformed Services University in March. **Misti King Elting**



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Jackie Savage with husband Ahmad in April 2020

& husband Billy celebrated their 25th anniversary in March. Youngest daughter Lyndsey graduated from high school & started at UNC Wilmington in August. They sold their home & are in the process of downsizing & buying their new empty nest house in the country. Life is good! **Alecia Sanders Gray** is enjoying working as a professional academic advisor at the University of Montana - it's tough in COVID-times. She's working on projects that fix systemic issues in higher education & that's immensely rewarding. Husband BJ started a temporary researcher position with the Forest Service in Ramona, CA. **Denise Elliott Cooper** has been super (the power & beauty of the R-MWC network!). Alecia's working remotely, thankfully, since son Ben will also be attending 5th grade remotely. One benefit of COVID is more video chats with friends like **Tammy Nelson '94** & Ben's cousins in Atlanta (grandkids of **Betty Morgan Sanders '67**). Alecia thinks daily about her classmates, like **Bindu Vanapalli**, who are on the front lines. Bindu works as an emergency medicine physician in New Haven, CT & hopes people take COVID seriously & wear their masks as a public health imperative. Denise's husband Dino retired from the Marines after 29 yrs. of service (Thank you Dino & Denise for your service to our country!). Their original summer plans of an unplanned adventure across the US & Canada didn't happen because of COVID but they did enjoy an extended staycation in San Diego. They are waiting to see what school looks like for their rising 7th & 2nd grader & looking forward to new adventures as true CA residents! **Sarah Bailey Turgeon** & family took a summer getaway near Lynchburg. So of course they visited campus. She had such a fun time letting 5 yr. old Henry run on the Chilhowie bricks & run back & forth from the Odd Tree to the Gazebo to burn off energy! She had fun sending "Guess Where I Am" pics of classic R-MWC spots to **Lani Silva An, Emily Bentzen, Naomi Rapoza Lenane '94, & Vicky Proctor Turgeon '93**! Although campus was pretty empty, she was happy that it still felt comforting walking around our former home for 4 yrs.! How



Philadelphia: Kaija Mortensen, assistant professor of philosophy, met with alumni in Philadelphia while attending and presenting at a conference there.

lucky we all were! Sarah, Lani, & Emily spent the summer prepping for returning to their respective schools w/ more questions than answers. Sarah taught virtual summer school for practice with all the "new to her" technology! Lani is a preschool director, & worked non-stop getting classrooms & teachers ready. Emily worked throughout the summer, including attending virtual conferences & training to enhance her virtual teaching skills & can't wait to try out some of the new things she's learned from h.s. & community college students! For fun she enjoys cooking, walking, practicing yoga, swimming & reading. In 2019, **Genia Livings Welburn** & Emily did a Segway tour of Richmond in March & attended Alumnae Council together in September. **Maya Desai's** daughters Priya & Amara will be 14 & 13 in December. They've sheltered in place since March & the girls are 100% distance learning this Fall. Maya is able to work from home & thankful for the outdoor opportunities in CA! **Lisa Evan** & partner Tim's urban farm, We Grow Microgreens, is thriving. They convinced the city of Boston to convey a piece of land for urban farming. With grants from the USDA & others, they constructed a 4600 sq. ft. environmentally friendly greenhouse, & so much more. They've been welcomed into the neighborhood (Hyde Park & Mattapan) & they've become part of its fabric.



Megan Terry Fuller with dog Tango

staying safe and healthy. **Carrie Youngquist Cammock** wrote that all is well in northwest WA. Her biggest news is the birth of baby girl Signe in August 2019 who joined big brother Olaus (age 6). She and husband Craig, celebrated their 13th anniversary in January with a nice dinner at home, which is about as much fanfare as they can manage with two young children at home. Congrats, Carrie! **Melissa Rusk Palotta** wrote that she started two new jobs this past year while transitioning away from teaching therapeutic horseback riding after many yrs. One is teaching English to Chinese children online. She loves their sweet faces and getting a glimpse into their homes! The other is as a program aide for a YMCA day program for adults with disabilities. She gets to do tons of fun stuff every day with their awesome and energetic participants! Last

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Hello Class of 1996! The world has changed quite a bit since the last Bulletin as we grapple with the COVID pandemic and associated economic impacts. I hope all of you and your families are

summer they enjoyed a cruise to the Bahamas and Thanksgiving in FL, but are keeping trips closer to home this yr. Fifteen-yr. old Chelsea has her driver's permit and Melissa is enjoying what she knows will be a quick last couple of yrs. with Chelsea at home. **Marta Mikkelsen Burnet** just published part of her dissertation in a book, *The Seal of Biliteracy*. She also started a job last yr. managing a conservation education grant at the Seattle Aquarium. It has sparked a real passion for encouraging friends and family to take steps to help the environment. **Jennifer Tucker Bridgers** wrote that she is a managing medical writer with Merck and Co., and has been working from home for several yrs. Her husband, George, can telework with the EPA, and the kids, Abigail (14) and Matthew (12), transitioned to online school in March without a hitch. Abigail has a good attitude about all of her missed 8th grade graduation events. Matthew misses his buddies but stays in touch through Fornite games (LOL). With Jen's mom and her dog, two kids, and two kittens in the house, Jen and George are definitely kept on their toes! They adopted the kittens at the beginning of March, and the extra bonding time with them during the stay-at-home order has been very positive. Jen's family is also very active in Scouts BSA. "Abigail is a founding member of the first Scouts BSA troop for girls in their council. It is exciting to be a part of this new adventure! Matthew was awarded patrol leader of the year by his Scoutmaster during his first yr. in the troop. The whole family attends the meetings together and has a blast camping every month." George and Jen serve different roles for the troop (merit badge counselor, troop committee, trip organizer) and are working on their Wood Badge tickets. Jen gets as much out of it as the kids, being around positive, talented people focused on encouraging everyone to be their best. Like many of you, I've been working from home during the stay-at-home order. Justin, 13, and Samantha, 10, adjusted to online school easily although they miss their friends and are disappointed by the missed end-of-year school events as well as soccer and swim seasons. However, we've become Zoom experts for school and friends, and Paras and I have enjoyed the additional time for bike rides and ping pong games with the kids! I look forward to hearing from you for the next Bulletin. Please feel free to send me updates through Facebook or LinkedIn, or email 1996@randolphcollege.edu to provide your email address to get on the email list. Stay safe and healthy!

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Once again, instead of trying to come up with brag-worthy accomplishments, I posed a question to the class. This time, I asked for people to share what they are grateful for during quarantine. **Alison Wood Drain** - I am most grateful for having a job during a time when many do not. I have learned that staying grounded every day is essential for keeping my family healthy during an uncertain time. **Laura Campbell Shook** - I am very grateful for my teenagers, a steady job, and I've enjoyed this slower pace. I dislike work from home somewhat passionately; I understand, agree with and follow the reasons I should be at home. I have joked that I'm trapped at home with teenagers, but they have been my saving grace. **Destiny French Just** - I have learned that my teenagers require as much maintenance as a newborn. They eat every 3 hrs. and sleep 12-16 hrs. a day. I was not expecting this. (Also, I wish I had picked up a fun hobby like knitting during quarantine. Alas I have spent the time keeping my children alive.) **Megan Smith Burtch** - Quarantine offered a chance to reconnect to old habits and loves, including my guitar, writing and of course, the Indigo Girls. The highlight of the early days was livestream concerts from favorite artists. I relearned the importance of taking time for myself and that sometimes to be an effective caregiver and parent, I have to put myself in timeout...with beer and chocolate. I've also learned my children are capable of eating a week's worth of groceries in three days. **Elizabeth Smalley Mitchell** - I'm grateful for good neighbors in my apartment complex. It's to borrow a cup of something, look out for everyone, got your back kind of good neighbors. **Nicole Raymond Milligan** - I'm grateful for tools to connect me with friends and family like Zoom. I love the slower pace of life while we're not rushing around everywhere. **Lauren Baddeloo Methena** - I'm grateful that I found steady, meaningful work before all of this began. Where I work has been really supportive of employees during the pandemic. I'm grateful that I've gotten to spend so much time with my baby. While being stuck in the same house with the same people has been a great challenge and very trying at times, I feel like my family has really pulled together in a way that we haven't before. I feel very bonded to my two oldest children, Senegal and Cora Tallula,

and I just couldn't be prouder of how our family has pulled together. **Nicole Scanlon-Rolwett** - I'm grateful for my 4 babies and the time I've gotten to spend with them. I'm grateful that I'm able to provide for them as well. I'm grateful to live in a country where we have the freedom to be ourselves. **Holcomb Pittman Mosley** - **Jennifer Thompson Hovermale** came through Denver on her way to Idaho. She made a pit stop at Julie Goldberg's house and we were able to share a lovely outdoor dinner together. **Karey Fellers Draper** - On March 11th, the day the borders closed between Europe and the US, I was in Copenhagen with **Ariana Azzone Williams** and **Meg Byerly Williams** and I was unknowingly already infected with COVID. I will always be grateful I didn't pass it to them, for those last few days of fun and normalcy, and for getting through the harder few wks. that followed. I'm grateful for extra time with my teenagers who are growing up so fast, time to focus on getting more fit and healthy, and time to connect more with friends and family via Zoom. **Carmen Horner Smith** - I started my job as an art teacher a yr. ago, and during my first yr. I learned how to do my job in person and then again virtually! I am thankful for the technology that allowed our school to function during quarantine. But I am really sad that I did not get to travel to Charlottesville to see Meg Byerly Williams and Ariana Azzone Williams. **Robin Solovey Fisher** - Truly in survival mode during this pandemic and connecting with my family like we never have before. Missing our family travels but making our own local memories in Charlottesville. **Travis Lane Schnell** - I too have enjoyed this pause in life to slow down and spend time with my people. I learned that it is so important to connect with people especially over zoom chats with friends near and far! So grateful for "coffee chats" with Ariana Williams, Meg Byerly Williams, Robin Fisher, and Karey Draper. **Paige Carlson Smith** - I began my new appointment as the principal of Short Pump Elementary School in Henrico County on July 1st. **Leah Glasmire Campion** - I learned teenagers are pretty resilient, especially while I navigated the COVID waters with a graduating senior who missed out on way too much! Kerry graduated and is headed to College of Charleston, hopefully moving in Sept.! Her sister Abby is a rising junior. And I am grateful **Stephanie Jones Dickinson** and I started writing real letters again. Julie Goldberg - I'm grateful for the ability to keep working remotely at a stable job that is actively contributing to restoring health during these times. However, I have experienced 24/7 intensity of work and kids instead of a slowdown others describe and that is a struggle. I'm super grateful I got to visit with **Holcomb Pittman Mosley** and **Jennifer Thompson Hovermale**.

Jenny Settle Johnson - I am grateful for a healthy family and steady, meaningful work. I've been quarantined at home in Austin TX with my realtor husband and our girls, ages 6 and 9. We had a major water/electrical issue last yr. and are happy to be hunkered down in a freshly remodeled house. I'm chief of the consumer protection division for the Texas Attorney General. My team of 75 got to figure out remote work while investigating a whopping 10,000 price gouging and scam complaints related to COVID. I'm so proud of their outstanding work under these unprecedented circumstances. **Susan Fuller Finarelli** - My job in crisis communications for the City of Falls Church, VA has been intense but I'm grateful for the job security. I also am glad I can make a real difference in people's lives, messaging about the importance of wearing face coverings, washing hands, staying 6' from

others, and staying safe at home. We've bubbled with one family, which means we don't come into contact with anyone but them. It's been a lifesaver for our daughter as well as the other family's kids, and all of the grown-ups! **Jennifer Baird Humberson** - I'm thankful for having beautiful outdoor spaces to explore. I appreciate that while our kids aren't doing camps, in person Boy Scouts, or school clubs, we have taken this time to teach them to cook family meals, clean bathrooms, mow the yard, and other things that help out. I have learned beautiful, wonderful things from seeing my patient families in their own homes since starting telemedicine due to the pandemic.

REUNION-JUNE 3-6, 2021 **2000**

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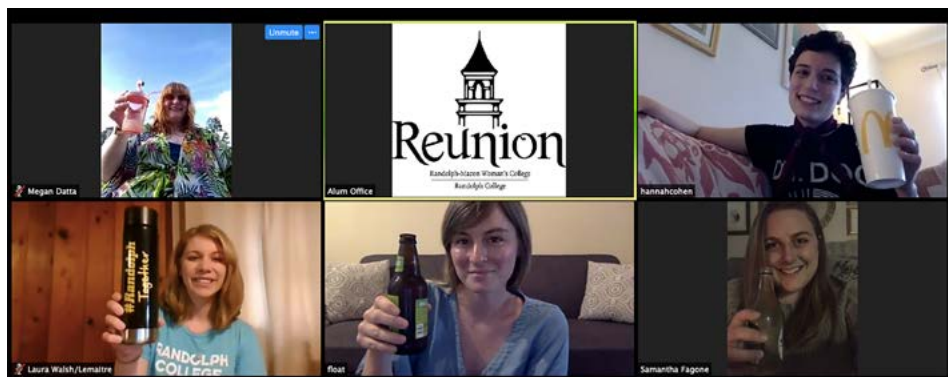
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Greetings Classmates! I hope this update finds you all well and healthy. Leah Barber shares she married Jon VanderWeide in a small wedding with their immediate families at the family farm in Schoolcraft, MI on July 25th. Attending virtually were additional family, close friends and R-MWC alumnae including **Kaitlyn Shaw Feiock**, **Susan Abbasi**, **Carrie Hunt**, **Monique Clark**, **Anna Sherlock**, **Chantel Albert Yurich**, **Maria DeCristoforo**, **Charlotte Whatley** and **LeAnn Siefferman**. **Kelsey Irvin** shares she recently began working as a healthcare project manager for CITI. Additionally, she has taken a leadership role with WCAN, the Women's College Alumni Network, a large group of women's college alumni. She encourages all R-MWC grads to join the network. **Carrie Hunt** shared she has moved from Austin TX to Richmond VA to take a position for a commercial door and hardware company. She is settling into life in RVA. **Heather Godfrey Gaddis** is currently living in central Mexico and keeps busy working full time on a variety of freelance and contracting projects. She recently finished a project for the US Dept. of State aimed at helping public school English teachers in Mexico (and around the world) make the transition to teaching online. **Melissa Taylor** reports she continues her work in physical therapy and is now the rehab director at a long term care facility in Amherst VA. Hopefully you all have marked your calendars and are looking ahead to our next reunion in June 2021!

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Tawnya Ravy Azar celebrated her birthday with **Carolyn Gilstrap**, **Rebecca Grawl**, and **Sarah Johnson** in NOVA where they visited area wineries, enjoyed dinner at the chef's table at Inn at Little Washington, ran the virtual Firecracker 5k for the troops, and volunteered at a local food bank. **Annie Johnson Youngblood** and her wife, Megan, welcomed Roux Eliot Youngblood in July 2019. She is thriving! **Allie Graham** moved to Salt Lake City in September where she started an NIH T32 Postdoctoral Fellowship (in Hematology) in the lab of Dr. Nathan Clark at the Eccles Institute of Human Genetics. Her husband, Jason, was able to secure a laboratory position in



2005: Raise a Glass virtual event, honoring Reunion 2020

the same department. Congratulations to all!

2008

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The class of 2008 stands behind the Association and supports the following statement: The Randolph-Macon Woman's College Alumnae and Randolph College Alumni Association stands in solidarity with survivors of sexual misconduct. We hear you, we see you, we support you, and together we stand for a life more abundant for all. Because we are R-MWC alums and continue to accomplish amazing things in life, we do have some amazing updates amidst a pandemic. **Elizabeth Fulham Rovira** and husband David welcomed to the family Logan Alexander Rovira on March 3rd just before the start of the pandemic. **Sandy Snow** is wrapping up her 3-yr. term as NH Athletic Trainers' Association president. She also started her new role as program director for NH Musculoskeletal Institute/Safe Sports Network. **Nicole Taylor** graduated with an MA in Clinical Mental Health Counseling in Dec. from the Univ. of the Cumberland. She also married Tyler Dausen in May. **Katie Stewart Page** received an award for 2020 Magnet New Knowledge and Innovation Award at her hospital. I am continuing to work for Public Health on COVID response efforts and spend all my free time playing with our two toddlers as a reminder that they can bring positivity even in the darkest of times.

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REUNION—JUNE 3-6, 2021 2010

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The Class of 2010 stands in solidarity with and in support of all survivors of sexual assault and

harassment at the College during our time there, before, and beyond. We admire the courageous women who have stepped forward to share their stories and respect those who have stories to tell and have chosen not to. After all, that's what it's all about—choice and consent. We hear you. We believe you. We love you. And we're here for you. To the administration, we ask that you actively listen, run every case to ground, and drive action without exception for everyone involved.

REUNION—JUNE 3-6, 2021 2011

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The Class of 2011 believes every single student deserves to live a life more abundant. We hear you, we believe you, we stand with you.

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The class of 2013 believes every single student deserves to live a life more abundant. We hear you, we believe you, and we stand with you.

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Members of the Class of 2014 stand in solidarity with victims of sexual misconduct. We hear you, we see you, we believe you, and together we stand for a life more abundant for survivors.

2015-2020

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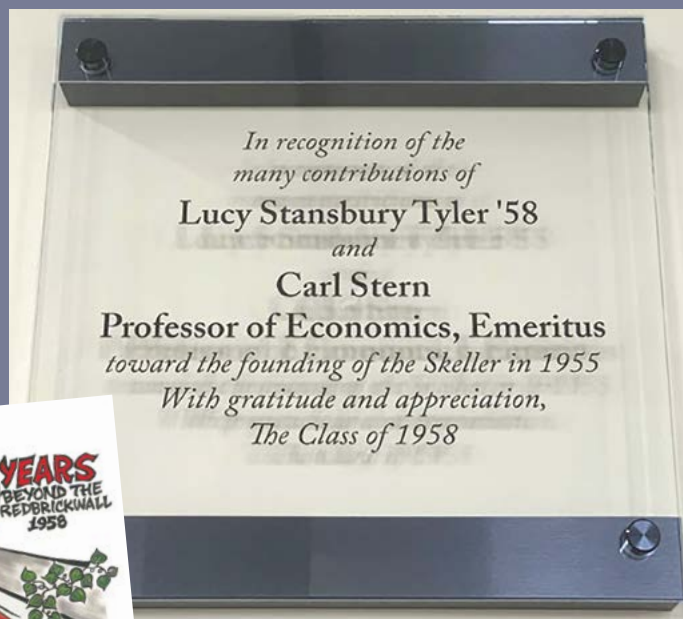
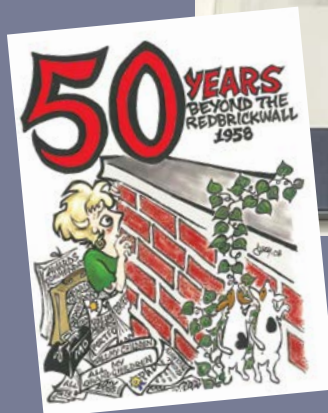
Marion Smith Chenault '66

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LUCY STANSBURY TYLER '58

The Skeller has always been a popular center for the College's students. The original idea and establishment of the facility dates back to 1955 and Carl Stern's economics class. Stern introduced a project to his class. Stock would be sold at \$1 per share and be used to open an informal, student-run snack bar. Lucy Stansbury Tyler '58 was a leader of the group and decorated the walls of the original Skeller with her wonderful funny characters and caricatures.

The Class of 1958 celebrated its 50th Reunion in 2008, and Tyler provided the cover of the 50th booklet, which is shown here. When Tyler died in 2019, her classmates wanted to honor her and Stern for their many contributions to the Skeller. A plaque (pictured) now resides in the current Skeller, honoring two very significant founders of this special place.



IN MEMORIAM

ALUMNAE AND ALUMNI DEATHS

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1941	Judith Hathaway Hathaway	8/31/2020
1942	Florence Winton Womack	8/29/2020
1944	Margaret Smith Cochran	7/14/2020
1945	Ellen Butler Barnhart	7/5/2020
1945	Louise Gribble Maxfield	9/21/2020
1945	Mary Phillips Moore	8/12/2020
1945	Katherine Little Sanders	7/2/2020
1946	Jane Noonan Pace	8/10/2020
1947	Eleanor Suhling Dillard	6/21/2020
1947	Karin Adams Stewart	7/6/2020
1948	Sue Landon Alfriend	9/9/2020
1948	Ann Caskey Brotherton	9/7/2020
1950	Lois Bowen Lawrence	8/12/2020
1951	Martha Sydnor Coffman	8/3/2020
1951	Jane Hope Watson	8/8/2020
1952	Joan Jennings Howard	8/6/2020

1952	Harriet Farrier Johnson	9/6/2020
1952	Lucy Crane Jones	8/30/2020
1952	Mary Denton Langston	8/7/2020
1953	Jean Feild Russell	8/8/2020
1954	Frances McEachern Streich	8/8/2020
1956	Dona Graf Cole	8/8/2020
1956	Anne LaPolt Cosby	8/23/2020
1956	Helen Koehler Little	7/3/2020
1956	Alice Crittenden Shields	8/1/2020
1957	Nancy Carter Bland	7/5/2020
1957	Kay Smith Richardson	7/22/2020
1958	Ruth Gibbs Jones	7/4/2020
1958	Monteray Scott Stabler	8/15/2020
1959	Janet Sandidge Davenport	8/16/2020
1959	Mary Watkins Frazier	7/3/2020
1959	Betsy Lebrun Merrick	7/26/2020
1960	Ann Towers Stone	8/14/2020
1961	Mary McGee Boggs	8/22/2020
1962	Elizabeth White Koonce	8/22/2020
1970	Mary Joan Houseman Hynes	7/12/2020
1974	Kathryn Kerr Walker	9/1/2020
2011	Deborah Willis Willis	8/22/2020

ALUMNAE AND ALUMNI FAMILY DEATHS

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1951	Sister of Ellen Gibbs Godwin Ruth Gibbs Jones '58
1967	Spouse of Ellen Parlette Vaughan Robert Vaughan
1970	Father of Mary Becker Maddox John Becker
1971	Mother of Leigh Dillard Eleanor Suhling Dillard '47
1972	Mother of Jean Stewart Karin Adams Stewart '47
1977	Mother of Laura Brotherton Ann Caskey Brotherton
1978	Mother of Margaret Russell Meadows Jean Feild Russell
1995	Mother of Langston Stabler Hereford Monteray Scott Stabler '58

ELAINE DAHL ST. VINCENT

Elaine Dahl St. Vincent was born in Chicago, Illinois on June 28, 1912. She passed away peacefully at Westminster Canterbury in Lynchburg, Virginia, on August 21, 2020. Elaine was the beloved wife of the late Edwin H. St. Vincent, professor emeritus of English at Randolph-Macon Woman's College (where the couple met). Elaine's professional career began following her education at The Juilliard School of Music, where she obtained a certificate in piano. She later earned a master's degree in musicology from Boston University. During her Juilliard years and beyond, Elaine had a successful career as a performing musician in New York City. In 1947, Elaine accepted a position at Randolph-Macon Woman's College, a role that would grow into a distinguished 33-year career. She taught piano, music history, music literature, and form and analysis. For most of her tenure at R-MWC, Elaine

was chair of the music department. She rose to the rank of full professor and was the first female faculty member to be awarded the prestigious Gillie Larew Award for Distinguished Teaching. Elaine was a dynamic, energetic, and inspirational teacher both in the studio and in the classroom. Her love of music was contagious, and her devoted students have continued throughout the years to express gratitude for the impact she's had on their lives. Elaine's leadership talents and organizational skills were recognized early on at R-MWC, where she presided over many College committees. Elaine had an accomplished and impressive professional career and an admirable and generous life of volunteerism. Her great loves were her dear husband, her family and friends, her students, her role as professor at Randolph-Macon Woman's College and, of course, music.

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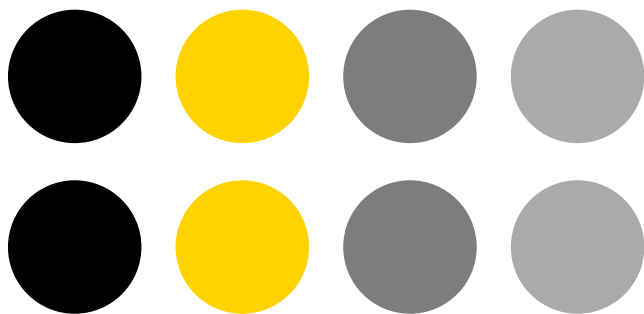
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