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AROUND RANDOLPH

FROM THE PRESIDENT



It is hard to believe that it has been a year since the COVID-19 pandemic first changed our daily lives—and our world. We have all been through so much since this time last year.

Last March, when we first extended our spring break, we fully believed we would be back on campus operating normally in just a few weeks. Little did we know we would be forced to close campus and conduct a drastic shift to online learning that would last through the fall semester. We could never

have imagined the tragedy this pandemic would bring to our country and the many lives that would be lost.

And yet, we have persevered—as students, as professors, as staff, and as a community. Our alumnae and alumni have found ways to be engaged with our campus through virtual events, and your financial support has significantly helped our efforts to open campus safely this spring. Our students have been patient, understanding, and committed to doing everything possible to keep our campus family safe, including adhering to strict protocols and submitting to frequent testing. Our faculty and staff have worked together to engage our students through innovative activities in the classroom and unique student life events. During all of the turmoil, we have found ways to be together, not just physically, but in spirit. We have embraced the Randolph Together and WildCats Care mottos fully.

In this issue of the magazine, you'll read a sampling of how our faculty have stepped up to the challenges facing them. Not only are they going above and beyond in the classroom to ensure that all students are engaged, they are continuing their hard work on our new TAKE2 curriculum model, which launches in the fall. In addition, you will hear about how our students and alumnae and alumni continue to do great things out in the world.

This is what family is, and it is one of the reasons Randolph holds such a special place in so many individuals' hearts. If the past year has taught us anything, it is to appreciate all of the people who surround us and to open our minds and hearts to new ways of thinking and doing. The lessons we've learned through this process will benefit our students in the years ahead, with or without a pandemic.

We may not get to anything resembling "normal" for some time yet, but there is hope on the horizon. Like you, I can't wait until we are able to live without pandemic protocols, but until then, I'm confident that the life lessons our students have learned through this pandemic will serve them well after Randolph. I have no doubt they will change the world, and we will be here cheering them on from behind the Red Brick Wall.

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Bradley W. Bateman
President

NEWS



#GIVINGTUESDAY
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Annual Fund raises more than \$260K during Giving Tuesday

Randolph College went virtual for its sixth annual Giving Tuesday in December, bringing in 850 Annual Fund gifts and more than \$260,000. The tally included challenges and matches totaling more than \$50,000, including one from the Jessie Ball duPont Fund. Donors were able to direct gifts to specific programs and needs, including campus COVID-19 safety, scholarships, diversity and inclusion, RISE grants, technology, faculty support, and more. Classes with the most donors were 1984, 1964, and 1978, with gifts coming from as far away as China, Canada, the U.K., and Nepal.



Randolph computing programs receive grant to increase diversity

In early 2021, Randolph College's computing programs received a \$10,000 gift from the National Center for Women & Information Technology. The center also provided membership in its Learning Circle Project, which assists academic computing departments in developing and implementing initiatives to increase gender diversity in undergraduate programs. As part of the project, the College created the committee for Academic Support of Diversity in Computing Programs. The grant will be used to develop a teacher licensure program for computer science and organize a computer programming competition for high school students.



Society of Physics Students honored with another Outstanding Chapter Award

Randolph's chapter of the Society of Physics Students (SPS) was once again recognized with the Outstanding Chapter Award from the SPS national office this fall. The College has received the award for 15 of the last 16 years. The designation, given to fewer than 15 percent of chapters at colleges and universities in the United States and internationally, honored the group for its activities during the 2019-20 academic year.



Randolph recognized for innovative curriculum

Randolph College was selected as one of the best colleges in Virginia for 2021 by Intelligent.com, which provides unbiased research to help students make informed decisions about higher education. The College was ranked 16th on the list, singled out for Most Innovative Curriculum. Rankings are based on curriculum quality, graduation rate, reputation, and post-graduate employment.

Randolph joins Liberal Arts Colleges Racial Equity Leadership Alliance

In November, Randolph joined a group of institutions as an inaugural member of the new Liberal Arts Colleges Racial Equity Leadership Alliance. Led by the University of Southern California Race and Equity Center, the consortium of more than 50 colleges and universities will share strategies and leverage their resources to make a collective impact on racial equity in higher education. Member institutions will have access to a range of campus surveys, resources, and monthly virtual learning sessions about antiracism, diversity, and equity.

Students, faculty continue water quality project

A group of students, led by Karin Warren, Randolph's Herzog Family Professor of Environmental Studies, continued the College's 18-year streak studying the Blackwater Creek this October. The work, which Warren began in 2003, includes chemical assessments, vegetation mapping, and physical observations, as well as the collection, identification, and release of macroinvertebrates from the stream. The data is then used to analyze the creek's long-term health.



Students record podcast for African American history course

Justina Licata, Randolph's Ainsworth Visiting Assistant Professor of American Culture, collaborated with students this fall to create a podcast for her African Americans and the Creation of America course. *The Perils of a Racist America: A Podcast by Randolph College*, now available on Apple Podcasts, features 17 episodes recorded by students, focusing on books about the Black experience.



Mid-year graduates recognized

Fifteen Randolph students received their diplomas this winter—nine undergraduates and six who completed the College's M.F.A. in creative writing program. Mid-year graduates included: Verlisha Douglas, Sidney Keyes, Emma Koziol, Daniel Over, Nate Peverill, Eneida Rodriguez Santiago, Kelau Smith, Evelyn Tomaszewski, and Alex Wagoner. The M.F.A. graduates were Christopher Acosta, Joshua Acosta, Anthony Ceballos, John Clark, Hayley Phillips, and Olivia Puccini.

Randolph goes 'all in' for global climate action

President Bradley W. Bateman joined more than 1,000 governors, mayors, business leaders, colleges and universities, and health care organizations across the nation by signing "America Is All In," a pledge reaffirming support for the Paris Agreement on climate change, in December. The statement—organized by We Are Still In (WASI), a coalition created in 2017—calls for job-creating sustainable investments that will drive economic growth, expand U.S. leadership at home and abroad, and reimagine partnerships to advance just and equitable solutions while building resilience to climate change.



Students present at virtual MARCUS conference

Josh Bulavko '22, Dagim Desta '23, Hannah Edwards '22, Sabrina Johnson '21, Jdody Misidor '21, and Renee Sarpong '21 presented their summer research projects during the 22nd Mid-Atlantic Conference of Undergraduate Scholarships (MARCUS), which was held virtually in October.

Selda Altan

Assistant Professor of History

Altan presented "A French Muslim in Qing China: Gervais Courtellemont's Travels in Yunnan and Chinese Muslims in French Colonial Policy-Making, 1900–1911" virtually during the Biennial Conference of the Historical Society of Twentieth-Century China. She also published "Yirminci Yüzyıl Başında Çin'de Fransız Sömürgeciliği, Çin Müslümanları ve Osmanlılar [French Colonialism, Muslims, and Ottomans in Early-Twentieth-Century China]" in the November issue of the Turkish history journal *Toplumsal Tarih*.

Sara Beck

Assistant Professor of Psychology

Beck co-wrote two papers published in 2020: "Non-random acts of kindness: Joint music making increases preschoolers' helping and sharing with an adult," in *Psychology of Music*, and "Parents, peers, and musical play: Integrated parent-child music class program supports community participation and well-being for families of children with and without autism spectrum disorder" in *Frontiers in Psychology*.

Chelsea Berry

Assistant Professor of History

Berry's chapter, "Black Medical Practitioners and Knowledge as Cultural Capital in the Greater Caribbean," was published in *Cultural Economies of the Atlantic World: Objects and Capital in the Transatlantic Imagination*. She also presented "Power and Common Knowledge: Slaveholders in Poison Cases" virtually at the McNeil Center for Early American Studies in October.

Kristy Bliss

Professor of Biology

Bliss gave a seminar on general botany to the Hill City Master Gardeners in February.

Brad Bullock

The Charles A. Dana Professor of Sociology

Bullock's paper, "Exit West: Novel Narratives of Migration and Identity," co-authored with Sabita Manian, was published in the prestigious European journal *Textus*.

Amy R. Cohen

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

Cohen presented "Practical Translation: Ancient Practices for a Modern Audience" as part of the College of Charleston's Theodore B. Guérard Lecture Series in March 2020 and "Adapting a Modern Audience to Ancient Plays" at the National Junior Classical League over the summer.

Daniel Cooper

Assistant Professor of Spanish

Cooper presented "From Mexico to the World: The Poetry and Thought of Octavio Paz" at James Madison University in February 2020.

Danielle Currier

Associate Professor of Sociology

Currier published a book chapter, "Feminist Pedagogies," in *The Companion to Feminist Studies: Wiley-Blackwell Encyclopedia of Gender and Sexuality Studies*, in November.

Gary Dop

Associate Professor of English

A virtual reading of Dop's original play, *Deemocracy: An American Absurdity in One Act*, was presented by the Randolph Theatre Department in November and later published as an ebook by Rain Taxi Review. He also published several poems, including "On Burning" in the *Southern Review*, and "Week 4 with 4th Graders & Teaching Poetry" and "Sometimes I am Still" in the *Sugar House Review*.

Stephanie Earl

Associate Professor of Theatre

Earl directed and choreographed a staged reading of *The Defamation of Cicely Lee* at the American Shakespeare Center in January 2020 and directed a Zoom reading of English professor Gary Dop's *Deemocracy: An American Absurdity in One Act*, at Randolph in November.

Blair Gross

Assistant Professor of Psychology

"Cognitive Processes Unfold in a Social Context: A Review and Extension of Social Baseline Theory," which Gross wrote with Sara Medina-DeVilliers, was published in *Frontiers in Psychology* in March 2020.

Erin Heller

Visiting Assistant Professor of Biology

The journal, *Ticks and Tick-borne Diseases*, recently published research conducted by Heller and a group of other scientists. "Passerine birds as hosts for Ixodes ticks infected with *Borrelia burgdorferi* sensu stricto in southeastern Virginia" details their work surveying birds from 2012 to 2014, removing and testing ticks for the presence of a bacteria that causes Lyme disease.

Crystal Howell

Assistant Professor of Education

Howell, president-elect of the American Association for Teaching and Curriculum (2020-21), published the paper "'A Rose by Any Other Name': Naming in Virtual Teaching Spaces" in *Curriculum and Teaching Dialogue* in late 2020.

Jesse Kern

Assistant Professor of Chemistry

Kern published "A mechanistic study of microstructure modulation in olefin polymerizations using a redox-active Ni(II) a-diimine catalyst" in *Catalysis Science and Technology*, a journal of the Royal Society of Chemistry. His paper was included in the journal's "Hot Articles" themed collection for 2020. He also published "Characterization of the Al-Ga solid-liquid interface using classical and ab initio molecular

dynamics simulation" in *Physical Review Materials*.

Michael Penn

Assistant Professor of Mathematics

Three articles written by Penn were accepted for publication in 2020: "Permutation orbifolds of Virasoro vertex operator algebras and W-algebras," in the *Journal of Algebra*; "Permutation orbifolds of sl2 vertex operator algebras," in *Glasnik Matematički*; and "Affine W-algebras, short nilpotent elements, and the $N = 3$ superconformal algebra," in the *Springer INdAM (Istituto Nazionale di Alta Matematica) Series*. He also co-organized a special session in quantum algebra and geometry at the 2021 Joint Mathematics Meeting in January 2021.

Elizabeth Perry-Sizemore

The Catherine Ehrman Thoresen '23 &

William E. Thoresen Chair of Economics

Perry-Sizemore co-facilitated the workshop, "Democratizing Undergraduate Research: Scaffolding for and Integrating Research Experiences to Elevate Equity and Inclusion," with Rosalie Richards last summer during the Council on Undergraduate Research's Virtual Conference.

Katrin Schenk

Associate Professor of Physics

A series of articles by Schenk were published in 2020, including "Developmental Exposure of California Mice to Endocrine Disrupting Chemicals and Effects on the Microbiome-Gut-Brain Axis at Adulthood" in *Scientific Reports*; "Endocrine Disruption of Gene Expression and microRNA Profiles in Hippocampus and Hypothalamus of California Mice: Association of Gene Expression Changes with Behavioral Outcomes" in the *Journal of Neuroendocrinology*; and "Long-term digital device-enabled monitoring of functional status: Implications for management of persons with Alzheimer's disease" in *Alzheimer's & Dementia*.

Holly Tatum

The Mary Sabel Girard Chair in Psychology

Tatum co-wrote "The Capstone Course in Psychology: Addressing Challenges and Incorporating Best Practices," a chapter in the 2020 book, *High Impact Educational Practices: A Review of Best Practices with Illustrative Examples*, with Beth Schwartz. She also co-presented "McCabe Survey 2.0" at the Annual Conference of the International Center for Academic Integrity in Portland, Oregon.

Karin Warren

The Herzog Family Professor of Environmental Studies

Warren presented her work at several conferences, including "Aligning Climate Action and Resilience Goals with Institutional Academic Strategic Plans" and "Leveraging Sustainability Initiatives on Campus to Boost Undergraduate Enrollment and Retention" at the Higher Education Leadership Summit in 2020.



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At any number of colleges across the United States, students wake up each Monday prepared to spend their days juggling four or five classes, sports, clubs, jobs, friends, and more.

And while the majority of students are able to be successful under this academic model, the amount of attention and time they can focus on each course is limited, especially when trying to pursue other interests and passions.

"Our faculty decided to ask why is this the system everyone in higher education uses?" said Gary Dop, an English professor. "And what if we decided to build our curricular model based on something that would allow our students to thrive?"

So a committee of faculty set out to find answers. After exploring how several schools across the country handle block scheduling, specifically four-course models, the faculty members decided to recommend a new take on the system,

with a program that has students taking two classes at a time for seven-week sessions. Each semester will consist of two of these sessions separated by a one-week break. While the students will ultimately be taking the same number of courses in an academic year, the new schedule will allow them to narrow their focus to just two at a time, rather than spreading their attention across four or five classes each week.

"We looked at the strengths of schools that emphasize immersion and interdisciplinary learning, and then we took the best of those, added our own innovations, and fused them all into one program," said Dop, who co-chaired the committee.

After nearly two years of research, work, and planning, TAKE2 was born. Set to begin in fall 2021, the new curriculum is unlike any other in the country, and Randolph faculty believe it will revolutionize the way smaller, liberal

arts schools approach learning—and most importantly, provide Randolph's students with an education that better meets their needs.

"The traditional fall and spring semester system is what we all use because it's the way it's always been done," said Amanda Rumore, a biology professor and member of the TAKE2 implementation committee. "But I don't think there is a lot of data that suggests it's what is best for students. You're asking more and more of students in the same time period, with fewer resources to support them."

Under Randolph's new plan, students will not only have a more intensive academic experience, but the schedule allows more time for students to both explore newly discovered passions and conquer particularly difficult concepts. And because classes meet more frequently, students are less likely to fall behind.

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— Amanda Rumore, Associate Professor of Biology



"Students will begin to focus on their classes in a way they couldn't before," said Jesse Kern, a chemistry professor and member of the committee. "They won't have to juggle five sets of deadlines. Maybe they get to focus on their Spanish vocabulary lessons and topics in environmental issues, without adding economics, Shakespeare, and German history on top of it. Plus, when they love a course, they can immerse themselves in it. If they struggle with a course, well, I think we can all tolerate just about anything for seven weeks."

Professors are quick to point out that the new curriculum model is not easier. It just fits better with the learning styles of 21st century students. Courses will go from three-credit to four-credit and will meet up to four times a week, depending on the course. No classes will be held on Wednesdays. Exams will be held over 2.5 days, and Randolph will uphold the longstanding tradition of self-proctored exams.

"Students will still engage in the same

amount of learning opportunities over the course of a year with the same expectations," Dop said. "But we believe a student will learn better if each of those courses is taken over a shorter amount of time with fewer additional courses taken at the same time. In this model, students will have access to professors who are teaching no more than two courses and to a support team focused on helping the student be successful and get the most out of their college education. This is an experience that sets students up to thrive."

TAKE2 allows for students to make connections between courses that might not have been available before, a benefit that excites faculty members.

"A student taking my creative writing course might be also taking a physics course," Dop said. "So inevitably, their mind is going to be on physics when they sit down to write a poem. And we'll be able to encourage them to walk that route. I might say, 'Hey, whatever other class you're doing needs to influence this next assignment.

Surprise me with how you do that.'

"That to me, is how the connections will happen, organically and inorganically," he added. "You don't always have that when you are taking five courses."

The narrowed focus is also going to better prepare students for today's world, Rumore added.

"I don't think it's going to change the way they learn the material," she said. "But it's going to give them structure in their daily lives that's going to be more like what they experience when they graduate."

Another major benefit is the flexibility the new schedule offers students.

"It's a model I think many students will be interested in because of its novelty and also because it's designed to meet the students' needs," said Peggy Schimmoeller, an education professor and member of the TAKE2 committee. "It's designed around the way this generation learns, and it opens up opportunities for them to do



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things outside of class, like take field trips or explore internships."

Because classes meet more often, professors will be able to integrate learning techniques that might not have been possible with a regular classroom. In addition, students will have more time to explore other interests and activities, such as athletics, theatre, dance, art, internships, even jobs and community service.

"There's a shift in higher education, and we can't keep delivering the same format in the same way. The delivery system has to change to fit where the students are coming from," Rumore said. "They are not just traditional students. We have more commuter students. They are also more involved. Our students have internships, work, athletics, and other activities. I haven't come across one student not involved in one or two more things outside of class. Now they will have more time to balance their academic work without having to pick and choose what they

give their attention to."

Faculty members have spent the past year reworking and refining schedules and courses and advising current students about the new TAKE2 curriculum.

"TAKE2 takes advantage of our greatest strength as a small liberal arts college for whom access to faculty is a hallmark—and nationally recognized as a hallmark," said Carl Girelli, provost. "What better way to capitalize fully on that access to faculty than by having more intense, deeper relationships around discussions and important conversations about things that matter. It capitalizes on our understanding of students, and it capitalizes on our strengths as teachers."

One of the biggest priorities is making sure current students are able to graduate on time. Academic advisors are working closely with students to plan out their schedules for the coming years so they can seamlessly transition into the TAKE2 program this fall. They do not anticipate students having issues getting the classes they need to graduate. In

fact, because the courses are changing to four credits, some students may find themselves eligible to graduate early.

"There's always anxiety when there is change," Schimmoller said. "But sometimes you have to go beyond what is comfortable to find better solutions. We believe this is a model that will work for Randolph and our students. And we believe we are going to see significant benefits, not only with increased enrollment, but also with our student achievement."

TAKE2 is a chance for Randolph to showcase its strengths while standing out among other small, liberal arts colleges, faculty said.

"I'm incredibly proud of our faculty for being willing to try something that no one else is trying, something that is spectacular and innovative," Dop said. "It illustrates how a small college can lead. And more importantly, it shows where our focus is. Every student's journey matters here. We care deeply about each individual student and what their experience will be and whether their needs are met."

inclusive campus

New chief diversity officer brings experience, leadership, and commitment to students

Before embarking on a career in diversity and inclusion, Keesha Burke-Henderson worked as a communication lecturer—with a focus on culture, race, and gender—for more than 15 years. She also spent a portion of her college years as a professional, traditional African dancer, which taught her the importance of a global worldview.

"I was living in a subculture that was rooted in African culture, history, and ways of living that imbued me with a natural flexibility in navigating spaces within dominant culture without losing my sense of self," said Burke-Henderson, who started as Randolph's chief diversity officer and director of the Office of Identity, Culture, and Inclusion, in February.

That cultural experience—and the others she has gained since—have helped guide her career.

"Her extensive background, leadership skills, and dedication and passion for positively shaping the student experience will make her a valued member of senior staff and the Randolph community," said Randolph President Bradley W. Bateman. "I look forward to partnering with Keesha on the important work of providing a welcoming and inclusive learning, living, and working environment for our campus."

Burke-Henderson came to Randolph from Mount Mercy University, where she led and designed a comprehensive culture, equity, and inclusion action plan, managed engagement efforts, curated cultural events centering on social justice practices, and was responsible for international student integration.

She's also served as a gender, diversity, and inclusion consultant for One Woman Central, a nonprofit she began with the mission of supporting women of color and creating a sustainable pipeline of women leaders in high-demand roles.

"I understand the immigrant away from homeland, the woman, and the Black body in America, and can empathize with anyone seeking representation, human, and civil rights," she said. "I am honored to be here at Randolph, and I hope to serve the community with all the zeal it deserves."

Keep reading to learn more about Keesha Burke-Henderson and her goals for Randolph.

What are some steps or initiatives you'd like to implement?

Build relationships with and ensure that our Black and African-American students have

a liaison. This was a tough year for us among all the other "normal" burdened years. I want to work across campus to build a coalition of sorts, a standing committee focused squarely on policy, practice, and engagement around culture, diversity, justice, and transformation. I will listen, learn, and evaluate. I have to develop a baseline assessment of where we really are in terms of the above mentioned.

Can you share any of the lessons you're bringing to Randolph?

What I have learned is that this job is hard. It asks people to think about what they normally do and say. Sometimes, it challenges beliefs they have developed. What people believe, do, and say influences decisions, behaviors, and resource allocation. Those same people make up systems that affect other people. Groups that have traditionally been dominant in the United States do not like when their behaviors and beliefs are challenged. Thus, I now know complex solutions require a lot of simple actions—language shifts, recognizing the faulty race and caste system. Then you have to be intentional with planning, designing, and forecasting future impacts if change does not happen swiftly.



What is it like being a diversity officer in today's world?

It is good as a professional because heads of organizations are realizing the operational priority of this role. It is beyond diversity. I know everyone uses that word to describe the nuances of building culture, challenging practices, creating policy around justice and equity, and responding to crises when they arise, while also engaging the community and serving as a social justice advocate. It is a job that requires a team, but the fact that an organization realizes its importance is a start.

What is rewarding in your work?

Students, people, and communities thriving. Everyone can and should be safe, well, and be able to exercise their imagination. In other words, live a life abundantly.

Counseling Center Director Jennifer Bondurant helps students adapt to college life in a pandemic

Jennifer Bondurant knew early on how crucial self-care would be for students during the spring semester.

"More so than any other semester I've been at Randolph, it's so important to take that time for yourself," said Bondurant, director of the College's counseling center. "I think for all of us, the days are like Groundhog days. They kind of go into each other because it's so monotonous."

At the beginning of the pandemic, Bondurant and her staff of five were quick to launch telehealth counseling services so that student care wouldn't be interrupted.

"We were so fortunate to have the ability to roll out telehealth as quickly as we did, and I think we've all gained new clinical skills," she said.

"On a college campus, we're focused on academics and social challenges. We're really zoned in on what's happening on campus. Last semester, doing it virtually, we were inside their homes every week. It allowed me to uncover more family dynamics

that probably played into some of what I was seeing on campus. I really think it opened my clinical lens."

It also required her to think outside the box when it came to helping students in other states.

"I'm licensed in Virginia. I can't just do a virtual counseling session with a student in North Carolina," she said. "Several states went ahead and made emergency provisions so you could provide services across state lines. But not all states did that."

In those instances, Bondurant and her staff offered coordination of care appointments, talking to students every two to three weeks to check in and, if necessary, link them with local resources.

The executive orders allowing her to help students in other states are usually extended every 30 to 60 days, so Bondurant checks all of them every month.

"We have to stay on top of it," she said. "I don't want students to ever be deterred from seeking services."

They counseled students through the spring and fall semesters and worked with

them as they decided whether or not to return to campus this spring.

"I was really impressed with the decision making of the students I was working with," Bondurant said. "They truly took the time to weigh the pros and cons of what made sense for them."

The counseling center opened in mid-January, a couple weeks before students arrived on campus. So far, Bondurant has kept sessions virtual and is periodically reassessing based on the state of the pandemic, hoping to return to limited in-person sessions later in the semester.

The main focus has been to ensure students are adapting to life on campus and all the new protocols that come with it

"For first-years, it's learning how to navigate life on a college campus in such an unusual environment and coming back mid-year, when they maybe don't have a social network yet," she said.

Bondurant and the counseling center staff created a wellness group for students in quarantine and isolation that meets once a week, and several of her staffers have

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been trained as covid caretakers who check in with students in quarantine or isolation.

"There are so many parts connected to moving a student to quarantine and isolation," she said. "After a student has been in for a day, the caretakers are calling them, using a check-in form we created. It's really an assessment to see how they're doing and if they need to be connected to any resources on campus like tutoring or counseling. It's also just a friendly voice to say we're

thinking about you, and we're here for you."

That's always Bondurant's goal—to make sure students know there's a place they can turn for help, whether they are on campus or not.

"I hope, if anything, they see the value in reaching out for support, even if it's once or twice," she said. "Counseling doesn't have to be a lifelong agreement. It could be a couple meetings just to get things squared away or problem solve something."



Jennifer Bondurant holds a virtual counseling session with a student.

self-care tips

FROM RANDOLPH'S COUNSELING CENTER

1. Create a daily routine. Make sure to block off time for eating, sleeping, and exercising. Obtaining adequate sleep is critical for mental well-being and strengthens academic success.

a. Eat foods rich in Vitamin D and B. Both of these vitamins are important in improving mood and energy, as well as strengthening our ability to handle stress.

b. Exercise. Plan to exercise at least 30 minutes every day. If you plan to do it every day, when you miss a day here and there, it will not have such an impact on your overall well-being.

c. Sleep. Create a calming bedtime routine in order to help train your brain to fall asleep. Drastically reduce your exposure to blue light (computers and phones) because this kind of light activates your brain. If you begin to have anxious thoughts while you are trying to fall asleep, keep a notepad by your bed and write down your thoughts. Only use your bed for sleeping so your body and mind know when it is time to go to sleep.

2. Reach out for support when needed.

Counseling services are available to all students, and these services are individually focused. Stay connected to the Randolph community by attending virtual events when scheduled, as well as creating ways to have socially distanced fun with your friends.

3. Focus on what you can control versus focusing on what is outside of your control.

Establish realistic expectations of yourself and be intentional with using positive self-talk.

4. Breathe, Breathe, Breathe. You can use an app (like Calm) to help you focus on your breath, and there are many helpful videos online to help you learn how to breathe deeply. Deep breathing improves our focus, helps us relax, and reduces the impact of tension and stress.

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Together**

Health Center Director Ruby Bryant keeps Randolph healthy with a dose of creativity and hard work

Ruby Bryant, director of Randolph's health center and an RN, never knows when duty will call—especially during a pandemic.

These days, it isn't uncommon for her to put in 20-hour days, while also working weekends.

For instance, this winter the protocol for international travelers suddenly changed, requiring them to quarantine upon entering the United States. The order came two days before Randolph's international students were set to arrive on campus.

"I spent two hours on a Saturday night with a student who was on her way here, on a flight from Spain, just trying to figure out the logistics of what she needed to do," said Bryant, who has worked at Randolph for seven years.

Bryant and the College arranged for those students to quarantine at a local hotel, one of several partnerships essential to getting and keeping

students on campus safely.

Part of Bryant's role is to represent Randolph in the community. She attends weekly meetings with Centra Health and other area schools to get a feel for community prevalence and exchange ideas. She also meets with other health center directors for private and public schools across the state. The group has been offering recommendations to the Virginia Department of Health (VDH) throughout the pandemic.

"We have formed such great relationships," Bryant said. "I have learned to be super creative with my budget and discovered so many resources available to Randolph through these groups. It's been a trying year, but it's probably been the most I've learned over a short period of time in my career."

The VDH contacts helped Bryant put together a point-of-prevalence testing event at Randolph in early February in collaboration with Virginia National Guard. The testing, required for all students and employees who were on campus, was

conducted the first week of classes at no cost to the College. The group also helped her find state resources for free COVID-19 tests.

Bryant is part of the College's COVID-19 Task Force, a group that has met almost daily since the start of the pandemic last March. She's worked closely with every department on campus, from residence life and dining to buildings and grounds and athletics.

"We worked so hard for 11 months to put a plan in place," she said. "There were many long days as we prepared for students to return."

Bryant said Randolph's approach to student health has remained the same. Her staff has just had to be creative. During the fall semester, for instance, they held virtual programming and educational events focusing on self-care and mental health awareness.

In preparation for the spring semester, Health Center staff members were trained on testing and contact tracing. They set up quarantine and isolation spaces in Webb Hall and the Grosvenor Apartments and put

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together small wellness bags with Tylenol, cough medicine, and cough drops for students who might need them.

Bryant also checks in with students who are in isolation or quarantine daily.

"I say this to our students: I am my brother's keeper," she said. "I feel like this campus—our administration, our staff, our faculty—have just embodied that. We've held each other up, and we've held each other accountable. I know now a lot of the work is on students' shoulders. Hopefully they feel the same way. And I hope they know we did all this work out of our love for them."

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Health Center
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processes a COVID-19
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SINGERS

Special masks allow Randolph music students to safely sing together

Music professor Randall Speer had an odd instruction for Chorale students as in-person spring rehearsals got underway.

The students were gathered in Houston Memorial Chapel, ready to tackle their new normal—singing while masked.

"I asked them to enunciate as though they were really frustrated with a toddler and could barely contain their anger," Speer said, laughing. "And they were singing lovelier, which I find kind of hilarious. It worked."

Music instruction presents a unique challenge when trying to adhere to COVID-19 protocols for distancing. So Randolph's music department invested in specially designed singing masks that allow students to practice together in the same space.

Much like in conversation, cloth or surgical masks can muffle sound. The singing masks now on the market extend a few inches from the wearer's face.

"There's space for the sound to travel, and there's also space for actual diction," said


Emily Yap Chua, a music professor. "It makes a huge difference."

Andréa Jovel '24, a Chorale member, said the masks give her more room to move her mouth and use proper techniques while singing, which produces a better quality of sound.


And what the masks allow—singing together safely—is a game changer.

"It feels amazing to be on campus," Jovel said. "I find myself jumping into the music like I never missed a beat. It's easier to collaborate and feel the music in the chapel than through a screen."

Speer is leaving class and rehearsals completely energized, and he and his students are flying through the repertoire. It's the opposite of the fall semester,



Kayla Morris '22 uses a specially designed mask to sing during a class.



Thomas Windsor '24
uses a special vocal
mask during a class.

when asynchronous meetings slowed the pace of instruction.

"Now I'm experiencing this in reverse," Speer said. "They're moving faster than what I'd originally planned. It makes all the difference, just having them in the same room."

Chua compared the experience to an oasis in a desert.

"After that first or second day of teaching, we got so much done," she said. "The students were so engaged in the process of music-making. It's been

so much better for them, especially in this discipline."

One-on-one voice lessons are mostly virtual for the time being. Those students have also been issued singing masks, with the hopes of moving to some in-person instruction later in the semester.

"No one is going to be singing unmasked in a space with another person," Chua said.

In the meantime, they've assigned private practice rooms to the music students who wanted them.

"They have a space in which they can

sing the way they're supposed to without a mask on because it's not shared," Chua said. "We are doing everything we can to provide access to anything that makes it a productive and comfortable experience."

Both Chua and Speer said they've been heartened by the students' positivity and work ethic.

"They're enthusiastic about trying whatever they can to make this art form work under the current conditions, and for that we're really thankful," Speer said. "They're genuinely involved."

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— Emily Yap Chua, Professor of Music

JUST KEEP SWIMMING

New WildCat swim coaches bring a long history as competitors—and friends

Lee Lewis and Greg Hofmann are used to finding common ground.

For more than a decade, the longtime friends coached side-by-side during swim practices for two Lynchburg high schools—Lewis for Brookville and Hofmann for Heritage. During the season, their practices were scheduled at the same time, on the same deck, at the local YMCA.

"There wasn't a day that went by where we wouldn't meet in the middle and talk about swimming, talk about life," said Hofmann.

Now they're taking that camaraderie to Randolph as co-head coaches of the men's and women's swimming team.

"We are very fortunate to add not one, but two quality head coaches in Lee and Greg," said Director of Athletics Tony Berich. "The combined experience they bring is second to none. But more than that, it was the dedication and passion for swimming they exude that stood out. They came in with a clear, concise plan for the direction of the program, and we are very excited to see the

new heights Randolph swimming will reach under their guidance."

The pair's bond may have been cemented during their high school coaching days, but their first meeting took place at a different pool, back when their summers were spent almost entirely in the water. Lewis and Hofmann competed in the same recreational swim league associated with their neighborhood pool.

Hofmann, who was in elementary school when Lewis was a high schooler, remembers the admiration he had for him, especially when they competed on the recreational team.

"Lee was one of the best, if not the best, swimmers on the team," Hofmann said. "He was always somebody that I looked up to as a role model because he was an older swimmer who was successful."

Lewis went on to swim for the University of Mary Washington, where he graduated in 1996 after a long swimming career. A co-captain of the swim team, he was a 16-time All-Conference award recipient and led the

team to titles in 1993 and 1996.

The head swim and dive coach at Brookville since 2009, he is a four-time Seminole District Boys Swimming Coach of the Year and two-time Seminole District Girls Swimming Coach of the Year.

At one point, he even coached Hofmann, while they were in the recreational league, and could see hints of what was to come even then.

"You could always tell he was going to get into coaching," Lewis said. "One thing I take pride in is trying to really put a strategy together and positioning athletes so they can be successful. That's something Greg developed early on."

Hofmann swam for Old Dominion University, graduating in 2003, and was a Colonial Athletic Association finalist in 2002. Like Lewis, he began coaching when he returned to Lynchburg and later established the Virginia Gators of Lynchburg, a year-round competitive swim team.

At Heritage, he teaches health and physical education and has coached the

"We want to challenge these swimmers to do the best they can. But we also want to make it a memorable experience."

— Lee Lewis, Men's and Women's Swimming Co-Head Coach

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boys and girls swim teams since 2005. He was named the Virginia High School League Conference 30 Coach of the Year in 2016 and 2017.

Hofmann will continue his teaching role at Heritage High School, but will no longer coach. Lewis plans to coach his Brookville team, which includes one of his three sons, for one more year.

Their connections to the local swimming community should help build a pipeline of athletes to Randolph; they've set a goal to have 20 men and 20 women competing by 2022.

Each has their speciality—Lewis was a distance swimmer and Hofmann a sprinter—with similar coaching styles and personalities.

"We're both very loud and motivational, and we like to have fun," Hofmann said. "Lee and I are both very big advocates in quality practice over quantity. All of our practices will have a focus and will be more than swimming back and forth. We want to do things to keep the swimmers fresh, where they're trying new drills and techniques."

Hofmann and Lewis also hope to foster the same sense of camaraderie they had back when they were younger.

"We want to challenge these swimmers to do the best they can," Lewis said. "But we also want to make it a memorable experience."



(Left to right) Lynchburg natives Lee Lewis and Greg Hofmann bring a decades-long friendship to their new jobs as co-head coaches of Randolph's men's and women's swimming teams.



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— Alice Harris '69

INTERNATIONAL HONORS

Alumna named a British Academy Corresponding Fellow

Alice Harris '69 was in her third year at the College, majoring in English, when she discovered what would eventually become her life's work.

"I spent my junior year at the University of Glasgow," said Harris, who retired from the University of Massachusetts at Amherst's linguistics department in 2020. "If you're an English major, you take certain courses. We had a lecturer on the history of the English language. I didn't want to go. I was only interested in literature, but I was the sort of student who went if I was supposed to. And I was fascinated by what this man was talking about."

Harris credits those weekly lectures with creating a spark that led her to find linguistics, the scientific study of language and its structure. She went on to earn two degrees in it, a master's from the University of Essex in 1971, and a Ph.D. from Harvard in 1976.

Just recently, Harris was named a British Academy Fellow, one of more than 1,400 leading academics chosen for their contributions to subjects within the humanities and social sciences.

She is among 30 Corresponding Fellows, the designation for those who don't live in the U.K.

Harris, the only fellow chosen in linguistics in 2020, brings a long, distinguished career to the table.

She spent two years as a research fellow in linguistics at Harvard in the late 1970s before

heading to Vanderbilt University, where she was a professor of linguistics and anthropology and chair of the Department of Germanic and Slavic Languages. She later taught and served as director of the Ph.D. program in linguistics at SUNY Stony Brook.

Much of her work has been in historical linguistics, which involves the reconstruction of ancestral languages. It's something she's written about often, including in her 1985 book, *The Kartvelian Case*.

Her work has been recognized frequently over the years, including with the College's Alumnae Achievement Award in 2004. She was also recognized with a Guggenheim Fellowship in 2009; the Erskine Fellowship from the University of Canterbury in New Zealand in 1999; and a fellowship at the Norwegian Academy of Science and Letters Center for Advanced Study in 2004, among other honors.

Harris has frequently been involved with the Linguistics Institute, a gathering of top linguistics students and professionals in the field sponsored by the Linguistic Society of America.

The new fellowship with the British Academy will enable her to expand these connections with academics all over the world. The Academy functions in three primary roles—an independent fellowship of scholars; a funding body that supports new research, both nationally and internationally; and a forum for debate and engagement—with the

ultimate goal of deepening the "understanding of people, societies, and cultures, enabling everyone to learn, progress, and prosper."

Fellows are encouraged to sit on policy committees, oversee research, assess applications for research funding, generate funds, and interact with the public.

In addition to sponsoring events and publishing newsletters, blogs, and books, the Academy is occasionally asked to provide advice to governmental bodies. Recently, it was commissioned by the U.K.'s Government Office for Science to develop a report on the effects of COVID-19 on society.

While COVID-19 has put a damper on the usual gatherings to celebrate new fellows, Harris hopes to eventually make it across the pond to visit.

"There are honors that a person dreams of winning, but I never even dreamt of this," Harris said. "I feel that election to the British Academy validates my research career—the topics I chose to work on and the overall importance of my findings."

She will continue that research in retirement, while also finding time for other pursuits like writing and a newfound love of hiking with her husband.

"People in the humanities almost always keep going after retirement," she said. "Some people retire so they can spend more time doing research. That was not my case. I'm trying to do other things."

virtual EXPERIENCE



Randolph students think outside of the box during pandemic



Kristen
Bauer '84

As part of Moms Demand Action for Gun Sense in America, Kristen Bauer '84 preaches a relatable mantra: "We always say flexibility is key."

The saying was a perfect theme for 2020, when the COVID-19 pandemic sent everyone reeling.

This fall, Bauer, co-chair of the organization's Massachusetts chapter,

was among a group of alumnae, alumni, and even parents who responded to a request by Randolph's Career Development Center (CDC) for opportunities to connect students whose internships had been canceled with new ones.

"I was really pleased how alumni and other friends of the College stepped up in such a big way to

support our students through another virtual semester," said Maegan Crews Fallen, director of the CDC. "Even though they were online for the semester, students were not lacking in gaining valuable work experience and connections. They also learned a great deal about adaptability in the workplace and how to manage the future of remote working."

Here are a
few of their
stories ...



Megan
Westerman '23



Ninfa Amador-
Hernandez '23

MAKING A DIFFERENCE WITH MOMS DEMAND ACTION

The internships arranged by the CDC were offered virtually, which came naturally for Bauer, a Yale Law School-trained attorney who worked for the U.S. Foreign Service for 27 years. She and her colleagues at Moms Demand Action already had experience with online programming before the pandemic and were able to quickly adjust in the wake of it. They have operated completely virtually since February 2020.

"Interns don't lose anything because we do nothing in person," Bauer said. "It was kind of seamless. I miss seeing people in person. But it's fun to connect with Randolph students and to hear a little bit about how the school is doing."

Megan Westerman '23 started with Moms Demand Action in August and hit the ground running, assisting with the nonprofit's efforts during the 2020 presidential election. Most of her work was focused on social media, in addition to helping Bauer keep track of volunteers who were texting voters across the country.

"In the general campaign for president, we texted over 1.7 million people. That was just the Massachusetts team," Bauer said. "Those are the kinds of volumes Megan helped us achieve."

Westerman, a political

science major, stayed on with the organization this spring, joining efforts to increase membership in addition to her social media work.

"I just feel like now, especially since we have a new president, there's so much to be done," she said. "I really want to see now, with the legislative side of things, what can get done and how nonprofits can influence the process."

Westerman was joined this semester by Ninfa Amador-Hernandez '23, a fellow political science major. She is working as part of the organization's membership and legislative teams. For the latter, she's been reaching out to legislators to schedule meetings and developing questions to ask them.

Amador-Hernandez was attracted to the opportunity to intern for a nonprofit with a political leaning. The Randolph connection was a nice bonus.

"It's really neat to talk to Kristen," she said. "She knows where we're coming from."

Bauer said the work of the Moms Demand Action interns is invaluable.

"It makes a big difference," she said. "We really rely on our interns, so it's critical to our organization to have enthusiastic, smart women helping us."

REUNITED OFF THE FIELD

Jordyn Knapp '18, an athletic trainer at Wofford College in South Carolina, also offered to help during the fall semester—and wound up working with Briana Harbison '21, a former softball teammate.

"I didn't know how to give back once I left because I'm living in South Carolina," said Knapp, who majored in sport and exercise studies at Randolph. "I know how the education I came out with helped me through grad school. It's really rewarding to now be able to give both real-life and school advice to someone else during her senior year, helping her figure out what she wants to do next."

The hands-on nature of Knapp's job at Wofford, working with both football and women's basketball players, presented some challenges.

Harbison couldn't attend Knapp's rehabilitation sessions in person, and video chats weren't allowed. Instead, Knapp filled Harbison in on the injuries she'd be treating prior to an appointment and would follow up after.

"I couldn't give names, but could give details like a 20-year-old female guard, basketball player, here's what she's got going on and what we've been doing to address it," Knapp said. "Then we would video chat about what I did, and I'd ask her what we could do on the next visit or how to modify it. We were able to collaborate on lots of rehabs for injuries. It actually worked out well."

Harbison also did her own research and watched videos of rehab exercises so

she'd be ready for their meetings.

"I enjoyed the whole process, learning the treatment plans and the importance of specific exercises to strengthen the athletes," she said.

Harbison, who is majoring in sport and exercise studies, said their meetings also helped with a kinesiology course she took last semester and in her current work as a physical therapy aide at Dominion Physical Therapy, a small clinic in Dumfries, Virginia.

Their prior relationship as teammates and friends allowed them to jump right in without any growing pains. Harbison considers Knapp a mentor and role model.

"We were familiar with each other," Knapp said. "She didn't go through that point, during the first week or two, when you're nervous and kind of timid. It also brought a lot of great discussion. I think it gave me more incentive to push her."



Jordyn
Knapp '18



Briana
Harbison '21

MAKING PERSONAL CONNECTIONS

Alumnae and alumni weren't the only ones to answer the CDC's call. The parent of a former Randolph student connected Shamir Scott '21 with a social work internship through Norfolk-based Sentara Healthcare.

Scott, who is majoring in sociology with a minor in psychology, had another opportunity fall through because of the pandemic and needed the internship for her major.

"Shamir is a great example of how students really pivoted and made the most of this semester's virtual format," Fallen, director of Randolph's CDC, said. "Not only was she able to pick up some new skills and connections while gaining a clearer understanding of her future career aspirations, she will be able to show employers specific examples of her creativity and adaptability."

At Sentara, Scott was assigned to work with several senior citizens, checking in with them by phone.

"My main objective was to reach out to them, keep them socialized, and see how they were doing," she said. "Many in our elderly community have health issues and concerns, and when you're in the house by yourself, that is heightened."

She'd done similar work in the past with a business in Lynchburg that offers personalized in-home care.

"When I worked there, we'd have two hours with one person, and that would never be

enough," said Scott, who has also worked with special needs individuals through nonprofits in both Lynchburg and Richmond. "This internship reminded me of how much I miss working with the elderly community. And we found another way to communicate in this new world we're in. It's a learning curve for all of us."

She felt bonded to one client in particular, a woman who was often out volunteering in her own community.

"She was as busy as I was, but we always found the time to talk," Scott said. "We celebrated both of our birthdays together. We found comfort in talking to each other and got really close."

Scott sent her supervisor weekly reports about her work and also attended online seminars on topics ranging from COVID-19 regulations to Alzheimer's.

"We broke off into groups during one of them, and I was on a conference call with doctors and lawyers," Scott remembered. "It was amazing. These were people who have been in this field, who have gotten their degrees, and I got to learn from them."

Scott, who is currently exploring master's programs with an eye toward a counseling career, also walked away with a new perspective on her daily life.

"I brushed up on all my skills, communicating over the phone and still picking up cues without seeing their faces," she said. "We all get into the habit of rushing. It reminded me to slow down and be in the moment."



Shamir
Scott '21

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— Shamir Scott '21

‘IT’S MY
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Phuong Tran '15 is working to shine a light on underrepresented groups in Richmond, Virginia.
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Work with ACLU-VA and homeless help Phuong Tran '15 make community connections

Social media sometimes gets a bad rap, but Phuong Tran '15 often gets to see the positives firsthand through her job with the American Civil Liberties Union of Virginia (ACLU-VA).

"It can be used for good, to share information and to build a community," she said. "It can bring people together, especially during COVID-19."

Tran joined ACLU-VA in 2016 as a part-time employee. She worked her way up to a communications associate and is now serving as the digital communications manager. That promotion led to less day-to-day social media management and more strategic planning and big-picture thinking.

It also landed her a spot on *Style Weekly's* Top 40 Under 40 list for 2020, which recognizes those who are making a difference in Richmond.

Tran's work centers on building relationships and encouraging collective action.

"We had a small community at Randolph when I was there, and I cared about the people around me," she said. "I brought that spirit with me when I started working here. I care about the community here in Richmond."

Part of Tran's position involves attending hearings when Virginia's General Assembly is in session.

"We want to be a bridge between lawmakers and the people," she said. "We try to analyze all of the legislation being proposed, then identify issues, identify room for improvement, and look for ways to educate the public. There are people who are directly impacted by these laws

and legislation, and they need to be in the room."

The ACLU-VA focuses on a wide range of issues but is currently emphasizing police reform and workplace discrimination. Another issue on the forefront is addressing the needs of those who are incarcerated.

"We get letters from prisoners every day really raising serious issues," Tran said. "There are a lot of heartbreaking stories and a crisis going on that is hidden away from the public eye."

It's harder to shine a light on some of those issues, she said, because of misconceptions about the inmates themselves.

"Many of them are struggling with mental illnesses that need to be treated. Throwing them behind bars is sweeping it under the rug," Tran said. "And if you don't treat them well when they are behind bars, when they get out, they are likely to reoffend. There are a lot of issues we feel like people should know about."

Tran has worked to shine a spotlight on other overlooked groups through another passion, her photography. She's been documenting Richmond's homeless population, which has grown in the wake of COVID-19. The city now has the second-highest eviction rate in the country.

"My main goal is to humanize people on the streets and share their stories," said Tran, who has been posting the images to her personal Instagram page. "We can't truly solve the problem of homelessness without first acknowledging the people who are living it every day and recognizing them as members of our society, not nameless people who live in the shadows."

Connecting with her subjects and hearing their stories keeps her grounded in her work at the ACLU-VA and as a member of the community.

"I'm trying to make life a little bit better for the people around me," she said.

It's the same at the ACLU of Virginia.

"It's my job to get people to care. It's my job to use my creativity to get the stories out there," Tran said. "If I had to describe the work I do in one sentence, it's telling stories. I'm telling stories about the ACLU and about America, really."



HYBRID classroom

Randolph professors find innovative ways to connect in-person and online students

It's a typical day for Karin Warren, the Herzog Family Professor of Environmental Studies. Sporting a colorful mask, she stands in front of a small group of students, who sit in chairs that have been carefully marked to ensure the proper social distance. On the wall, a screen shows the faces of the rest of her class, those who chose to take the course virtually.



"The hybrid classroom experience is a team effort, and we all work together to make sure each person is heard," said Riley Lorson '21, one of Warren's online students. "I've found comfort in my professors' kindness and consideration. Most have frequently asked for our opinion and feedback and listened when we needed help. Being heard and having a voice in how the classroom is operating has really made a difference."

This semester, Randolph professors were able to choose the method of

instruction they were most comfortable with, be it in-person, online, or a mix of the two. Most who chose in-person instruction also opted to teach in a dual-delivery format, where online and in-person students attend class at the same time.

"I appreciate that we were trusted to make that determination for ourselves," Warren said. "I was able to return because I am not in a high-risk group and didn't have other constraints on being in-person that some colleagues do. I knew

many students were eager to get back into the classroom in person, and so was I. I was optimistic that we could make it work both in terms of safety and with remote classmates joining us."

Both online and virtual students have been logging into Zoom during classes. Online students use the chat feature to speak or ask questions, and in-person classmates alert professors when a new comment is posted.

Warren has loved seeing that cooperation.



Karin Warren, environmental studies professor, leads a class discussion with students taking her class in person and those taking it virtually (displayed on the screen behind her).

"I've been impressed with the Randolph spirit exhibited by students," she said. "They can join break-out rooms with remote classmates, work on joint discussion boards together, help me monitor the chat, and alert me when the webcam needs to be realigned. I'm grateful for the generosity of our students in supporting each other in this way."

All of her courses this semester are dual delivery, including a senior seminar and a lab. It took some time to adjust to teaching both groups of students at the same time, but she said it was worth it to be in the classroom after nearly 11 months away.

"It's wonderful to have students back, to see how responsibly they are taking COVID-19 precautions, and how much they value being here in person," Warren said. "Under the masks you know the smiles are there, because we feel joyful to be on campus together again."

Joining forces

For Peter Sheldon, the Charles A. Dana Professor of Physics & Engineering, it was an advanced lab that presented a particular challenge this spring. The intensive class is often cited as one of the harder courses students take on campus, Sheldon said.

It's not possible for students to complete the labs at home on their own, and it isn't useful to send them the data to analyze after the fact. So Sheldon partnered in-person students with their virtual counterparts to complete each lab together.

"They need to be engaged in the data-taking and problem-solving process at home," Sheldon said. "In an advanced lab course, they have to understand the experiments, not just the results of the experiments. I told the in-person students it is incumbent upon them to make sure somebody at home is always with them when they are doing the lab. It's putting more weight on the shoulders of the students on campus, to some extent. But if they have somebody with them, even if it's not in person, they can talk about how to do the lab."

Some of the groups have joined forces to work in the lab at the same time, at Sheldon's recommendation.

"It helps to have another lab member there in the flesh to help out with anything physical, like making sure you're using the correct equipment and doing the process correctly," said Tyler Campbell '21, who is on campus this semester.

While it's an unusual set-up, on-campus students are committed to making it work.

"Helping our off-campus classmates is a vital part of what it means to be part of the Randolph community," Campbell added.



Gordon Steffey, the Barbara Boyle Lemon '57 and William J. Lemon Professor of Religion and Philosophy, teaches a class in Houston Memorial Chapel.



Mitchell Doss '21 and other in-person students connect with virtual students during a class discussion.

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- Karin Warren, the Herzog Family Professor of Environmental Studies



Tyler Campbell '21 partners with an online student for a physics lab assignment.

'We're all in this together'

This semester, Gordon Steffey, the Barbara Boyle Lemon '57 and William J. Lemon Professor of Religion and Philosophy, is teaching two courses in Houston Memorial Chapel, which allows for adequate spacing among students. In addition to projecting the session onto a screen, he also uses a live white board so online students can see what he's writing in real time.

"It makes it feel like we're all in there together," Steffey said.

He is also holding one class a week entirely online.

"The difficulty with teaching in person is that all of the usual indicators of student engagement are hidden from you, thanks to the masks," he said. "If I encountered some of these students on the sidewalk, I wouldn't recognize them because I can't see their faces. The alternative Fridays online give us an opportunity to see each other."

Outside of class, Steffey and his students have been using an instructional annotation tool for readings. It produces a sidebar where they can highlight and annotate text together.

"It allows us to think together over the text and to interact with and respond to it, and one another, all in the same online space," he said. "Our multi-level interactions become part of the text. It's a useful thing to have for those who aren't in the classroom with us."

Hannah O'Berry '21, one of his virtual students, has appreciated everything Steffey and the Randolph faculty have done to keep off-campus students engaged. All of her professors have been accessible and accommodating, and they're taking extra steps to ensure the well-being of their students.

"They're trying to make this difficult time more inclusive," O'Berry said. "That's what I really appreciate about our professors."

'We picked up right where we left off'

On the first day of classes, biology professor Amanda Rumore was so busy getting ready, it took a moment for the importance of the situation to sink in.

"I was running around the lab to get everything set up," she said. "Then class started, and I suddenly realized it was the

most people I had been in a room with in 10-and-a-half months. It hit me: I can't believe I'm standing here in a room with actual people. It's been so exciting."

Rumore is teaching two courses, as well as a senior seminar, virtually. Her Developmental Biology Lab is in person for on-campus students. Because of the nature of the labs, she was able to send materials and equipment to those taking it online.

"We shipped them two microscopes. And every week or two, they get a mailer with the materials for completing one or two weeks of labs," Rumore said. "Everything we do in this lab uses safe materials, so I didn't have to adjust too much for at-home science."

Rumore holds class via Zoom, so she can do the labs with both groups of students at the same time. The entire class logs in, and the session is projected onto the wall so students can see each other and hear their respective questions.

The lab includes many of the students she had last spring, before the pandemic hit.

"It's so nice to see so many of them again," she said. "It felt like we picked up right where we left off."

REPRODUCTIVE JUSTICE

American Culture program traces the history and politics of eugenics—and activism against it

Every two years, Randolph brings in a visiting professor to lead the American Culture Program, diving deep into a singular topic with students.

"It's designed to bring curricular diversity to the College," said Julio Rodriguez, director of the program and a sociology professor. "We look for the brightest young scholars doing innovative work in new areas. It's a wonderful search every time. It's simply driven by how compelling the scholar's work is and how it expands the offerings

we have at Randolph College."

Thanks to COVID-19, Randolph's program, which generally includes a travel component, has had to be flexible. The current program, led by the Ainsworth Visiting Professor of American Culture Justina Licata, will focus on the history of reproductive justice and the politics of eugenics, including the history of forced sterilizations in the United States—and the activism against those practices. Reproductive justice is one such movement, developed

by women of color and indigenous women in the 1990s to draw attention to unlawful controls placed on minority women's bodies and how they experience reproductive health discrimination differently than white women.

"This area that Justina works on is fascinating given its attention to historically marginalized communities and the critical race theory she applies in doing the work," Rodriguez said. "With Randolph's history as a woman's

A photograph of a classroom setting. In the foreground, a student wearing a blue surgical mask and a red sweatshirt is partially visible. In the background, two other students are seated at desks, also wearing masks (one yellow, one black). They are using laptops. The classroom has large windows with blinds and grey chairs with attached desks.

Students participate in a class with Ainsworth Visiting Professor of American Culture Justina Licata.

college, I think it ties into our legacy."

Licata's dissertation focused on Norplant, an implantable contraceptive approved by the FDA in 1990 that became known for its use to oppress women of color and poor women.

"I'm looking at something really recent, but it's connected to this history of eugenics and forced sterilizations," Licata said. "It's connected to the population control movement that comes out of the 1950s and even concepts of family planning that have such positive connotations but often have been used as a way to control certain populations of women and their reproduction."

Traditionally, the American Culture program is held each spring as a 12-credit immersive course that includes weekly

seminars. It culminates with a trip, during which students can gain hands-on experience from experts in the field.

When it became clear travel wouldn't be possible this spring, Licata and Rodriguez adjusted, replacing the trip with a symposium. Instead of the 12-credit course, they're offering an American Culture Practicum students can take for one, two, or three credits, with varying levels of work.

Licata is also teaching two courses this semester—Reproductive Justice: A Theoretical Case Study and Women and the Law—that are closely tied to the topic.

The virtual symposium, set for April, will focus on reproductive justice, organized by students taking the practicum. It includes a film screening, panels with students, scholars, and activists, and keynote speaker

Dorothy Roberts, whose 1997 book, *Killing the Black Body: Race, Reproduction, and the Meaning of Liberty*, is a foundational text in the movement.

Students in the practicum will also have the option to do the program next spring, when it hopefully will look more like it has in years past—trip included.

Licata would like to take students to Atlanta, the home of SisterSong Women of Color Reproductive Justice Collective, an influential organization in the movement.

"It would be amazing to make connections with them and talk to some of their activists," she said. "And Atlanta has such a rich civil rights history. We can visit museums and other cultural sites that relate to that history, which reproductive justice is obviously based in."

"I'm looking at something really recent, but it's connected to this history of eugenics and forced sterilizations."

— Justina Licata, the Ainsworth Visiting Professor of American Culture





Latesha Thornhill '21 holds a photo of her father, who passed away last year. She hopes her internship with the Department of Veterans Affairs will honor his and other veterans' legacies.

VETERAN

storyteller

Internship allows Latesha Thornhill '21
to revisit a beloved family tradition

The stories of veterans are close to the heart of Latesha Thornhill '21.

Her father, who was in the U.S. Navy, spent her childhood sharing stories about his life in the military. Though he passed away last year, his influence on her continues.

Thornhill is currently interning for the Department of Veterans Affairs, a position that is giving her the opportunity to not just learn new skills, but to honor her father as well.

"I feel like doing this has brought me a little bit closer to him for a little bit longer," she said.

Thornhill started out as a digital media engagement intern last fall, working as a researcher and fact checker for the department's external communications, including the Veterans of the Day blog posts.

"It's really about making sure we're telling their stories," said Thornhill, who is majoring in philosophy, political science, and East Asian studies at Randolph. "When I'm fact checking, I'm literally looking at every

single word, making sure the information is right and that the spelling and names are correct. I also check the graphics to ensure the medals are in the right order."

Recently promoted, she's now a department head in charge of the Veterans of the Day section. Her duties vary, but she still ensures every post is fact-checked and assists other interns with their work.

It is a time-intensive process, but the work means a lot to Thornhill, who learned the importance of critical thinking and ethical, accurate storytelling from her father.

She also credits her philosophy studies.

"One huge aspect of philosophy is making sure you are working within ethical means," Thornhill said during a recent podcast hosted by a colleague. "So when you tell a story, you want to tell somebody's full story, and you want to tell that story accurately. I know I would want somebody to tell my dad's story accurately."

The skills she is honing through the

internship will help her as she applies for graduate programs in communications, with the ultimate goal of becoming an international journalist.

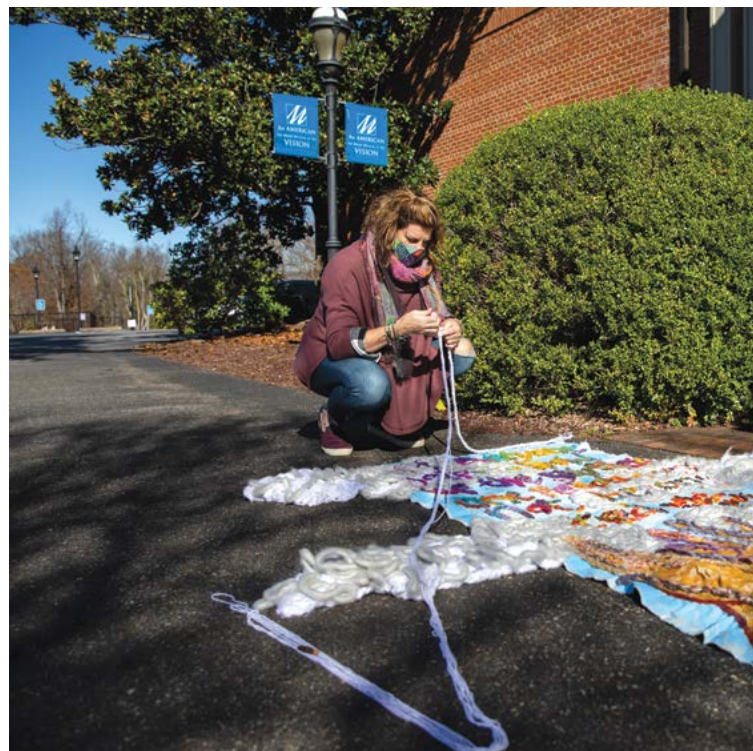
Philosophy professor Kaija Mortensen has been impressed by Thornhill's approach, recalling an instance when she tried to recruit her to join the College's Ethics Bowl team.

Thornhill turned her down with a thoughtful response Mortensen still remembers: "I don't think you can solve ethical dilemmas in five minutes."

"It was such a powerful insight," said Mortensen, one of Thornhill's advisers. "That's just the way the competition works. You get a dilemma, you deliberate for five minutes, and then you have to present an argument. And she wasn't interested in that. I thought that was a great insight into the seriousness with which she takes hard, ethical situations and wanting to be ethical in her life. I just really appreciate her mind in that way."

"When you tell a story, you want to tell somebody's full story and you want to tell that story accurately. I know I would want somebody to tell my dad's story accurately."

— Latesha Thornhill '21





Yarning for UNITY

The Maier Museum of Art at Randolph College was craft-bombed this winter. Columns and lamp posts were wrapped, benches draped in fabric, and trees and shrubs decorated for the drive-through, outdoor art installation, *Yarning for Unity*. Emilie Bryant '22 organized the public art project and, together with Laura McManus, the Maier's curator of education, recruited artists to contribute work. "Emilie thought it would be an opportunity for people to connect," McManus said, "and to put something positive out into the world."



TRACKING A PANDEMIC

Randolph students assist with COVID-19 data collection project

Two Randolph students recently contributed their skills to a COVID-19 data-collecting effort.

Mikayla Jenkins '23 and Brandon Kaiser '21 interned with BroadStreet, a community-centered software company that aims to provide accessible, easy-to-use information to the public.

They worked virtually for BroadStreet's COVID-19 Data Project, which provides data at the state and county level, compiled into three different collections: cases and mortalities, cases by race and ethnicity, and pandemic policies and executive orders.

Jenkins was interested in data entry and analysis, as well as data visualization, which focuses on the graphic representation of data—how graphs are designed so they're

easy to understand, for instance.

An engineering physics major, she hopes to put the skills she's learned to use doing research with physics professor Katrin Schenk this summer.

"Every day, I have to go through each county, looking at either state websites or county dashboards, and we input data for each day," Jenkins said in late January. "Currently, I'm assigned to Missouri. Last week, it was Mississippi. It changes and, a lot of times, different states present their data differently."

It was time-consuming work that also included keeping a spreadsheet tracking where to find the information.

"A lot of states have websites, which is really nice, where each county uploads data," she said. "But there are some counties that

only do it through Facebook or other sources and sites. Sometimes, people stop updating, and we have to find a new source."

Kaiser worked on weekend data collection, focusing on race, gender, and ethnicity.

"It matches fairly well with things I could be doing in the future," said Kaiser, who is majoring in mathematics with minors in engineering and computer science. "Getting faster at completing data collection tasks allows me to become more of an asset to future teams."

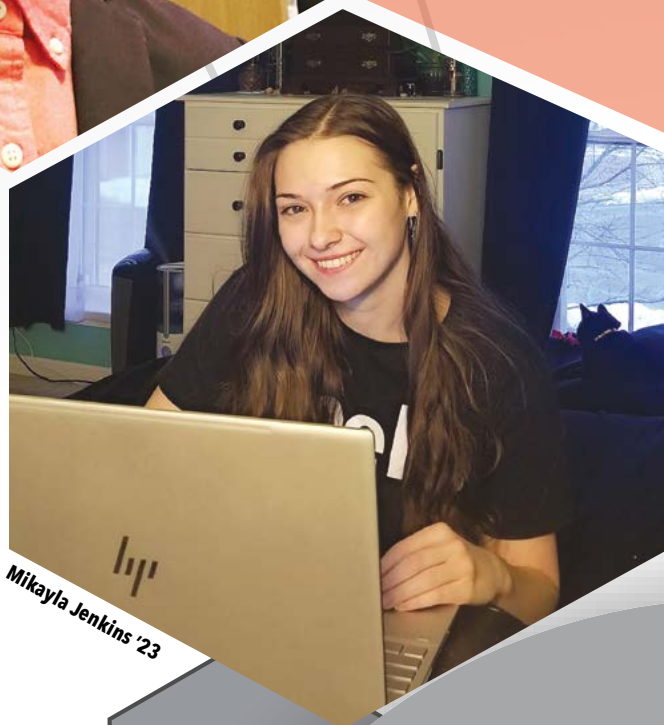
The fact that the data was related to the pandemic added an extra layer to the work.

"It definitely made it feel more important to current events, the country and, possibly, the world," Kaiser said.

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Brandon Kaiser '21



Mikayla Jenkins '23

WHY I GIVE

Martha (Miff) McLeod '76



Editor's note: In the last issue of the magazine, the Why I Give feature inadvertently used the name Meg Green Maguire '65 with the story and photo of Martha (Miff) McLeod '76. We apologize for the confusion. Please see Maguire's story on page 62.

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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RANDOLPH-MACON WOMAN'S COLLEGE
& RANDOLPH COLLEGE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

FROM THE ASSOCIATION PRESIDENT



I first became involved with our Association just after graduation. In part, I think I volunteered because I missed college life. I missed my classmates and the afternoons sitting in the "Sewing Circle," lingering over coffee in Cheatham, or studying in the Skeller over a tuna melt. I was

wholly unprepared for how important a community our Association would become for me. I have lived in five states and two countries since graduating in 1991. One of the most important constants through those moves—besides my mobile phone number acquired in 1996—is that in each place connecting with R-MWC alumnae and Randolph alumni, whether by chance or plan, eased the transition. Some of my great "college friends" include women and men from very different generations.

While I am always proud of our community, I find the announcement of this year's Alumnae Achievement Award winners to be particularly inspiring. Please join me in congratulating Louisa Branscomb '71, Katy Colonna Worrirow '80, Elizabeth Owen '91, and Jenny Sullivan Hubbard '95. You will find more on their accomplishments in this issue of the magazine.

Serving as president of our Association has been a tremendous honor. I have loved every minute and can't wait to meet face-to-face at our next reunion.

Vita abundantior,

Alison Buckley '91
Association President



**RANDOLPH
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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.

August 9, 2021 (for the fall 2021 issue)

December 3, 2021 (for the spring 2022 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

REPORT OF THE TREASURER

July 1, 2019-June 30, 2020

Operating funds of the Association are maintained in the account of the College. Association special funds assets and liabilities are also reported on this balance sheet.

Association Funds Provided by the College

Revenues

Appropriation, Randolph College	\$259,200.73
Total Revenue	\$259,200.73

Expenditures

Alumnae and Alumni Admissions	\$2,151.28
Association Officers	\$2,450.95
Communications: <i>Bulletin</i> , Class Secretaries	\$0.00
Events: Leadership Council, Chapters, Reunion	\$31,363.02
Student Relations	\$1,976.55
Office of Alumnae and Alumni *	\$221,258.93

Total Expenditures	\$259,200.73
<i>*includes staff salaries</i>	

ASSOCIATION SPECIAL FUNDS

Assets

Cash	\$17,644.15
Investments	\$468,081.00
Total Assets	\$485,725.15

Liabilities and Net Assets

Unrestricted Net Assets	\$485,725.15
Total Liabilities and Net Assets	\$485,725.15

1944

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With the good, old-fashioned telephone, I spent three hours trying to communicate with my '44 classmates. Out of 20 calls, I was lucky to reach 3! **Eloise Bennett Roberts** lives in Danville, KY. Her big event this year was a drive by 98th birthday. As she sat in her driveway, 71 cars passed with honking, yelling and tossing goodies. **Harriett Smith Beury** is in Charleston, WV. She loves to read and write to her "young" friends on her computer. Best of all, she doesn't need a cane or walker. I talk with **Flossie Ridley** at least once a month on the telephone. No gadgets for us. She lives in Murfreesboro, TN, where she has friends, some nieces, a nephew and help. I, **Kenney Shropshire Roseberry**, your class secretary for 77 years, am only 97. I'm a whiz on my walker. A chair lift takes me upstairs in my old family home. I received 200+ birthday cards, which I answered. Love to all!

Editor's Note: The College learned on January 19, 2021 that Flossie Ridley died on January 16. Our sincere condolences to her friends and family.

REUNION 1945

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Your faithful secretary, **Marge Corlett Dillard**, has requested to retire from her position. Heartfelt thanks, Marge for a job well done! Please submit any updates to classnotes@randolphcollege.edu or call the office of alumnae and alumni at 434-947-8102.

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As I write this in December, I am feeling we are living in a weird world. Like many of you, I had a very small Thanksgiving celebration and I am sure Christmas will be quite different. Thanks to email and telephone, we can still keep in touch and encourage one another. I am very sorry to tell you that **Mary-Earle Nock Scovil's** husband Roger died on September 8. He was under hospice care and had been declining for several months. The family had a small service to celebrate his life in the Memorial garden at their Atlanta home. On a lighter note, several of our classmates had an interesting experience months ago. Someone got access to the contacts list of one of our classmates and emailed a bunch of us (including me) pretending to be that classmate and asking a favor (money). Many thanks to **Nancy Lumpkin Gray** who got on the phone and warned other classmates of the scam. A footnote: about a month after I got that same message from a purportedly different classmate, which I ignored.

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A special thanks and "Welcome Back!" to **Aileen Wilson Kelly**, who has offered to step back into the class secretary position. Please send any updates and news to the email above or call the office of alumnae and alumni at 434-947-8102 and we will gladly forward your news.



1957: Mary Martin Davis Bowen visited campus with son Curran and grandson Kirby last October.

1958

Jinx Broadus Patel & Dottie Lee Harris Zehmer
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Dear fabulous-staying-at-home '58ers, we hope all of you are safe and well since the COVID-19 pandemic is still with us! Many had to change Thanksgiving plans and we hope all were able to enjoy the December holidays in spite of this challenging time. **Anne Lawhon Harrington Hall** and husband Charles just celebrated their 1 yr. anniversary! **Dottie Lee Harris Zehmer** and husband Pete had quite a scary experience - being marooned on the Outer Banks! She writes "Pete and I had gone down to our cottage in Rodanthe NC to close up for the season. We had planned to stay for a few days, but the weather gods intervened. On Monday October 21 the combination of a strong NE wind, an offshore hurricane and an extra high tide caused the road from Rodanthe to the bridge over Oregon Inlet to be washed out in several places so we could not leave. Dare County began to work on the road immediately, but every new high tide caused more wash over. This went on for several days and we were running out of food and wine. By the third night we were down to eating Dinty Moore Beef Stew from a can. Finally, on Thursday they were able to open the road to traffic and we were able to escape. Over the years we have been prevented from going down on a number of occasions, but this was the first time we got marooned. The only other thing I can say is "LET THE VIRUS PASS." **Renie Ferguson Steves** writes a beautiful account of very happy family celebrations. **"Stephanie Steves Burk '81** and husband John Burk, had the honor of hosting a COVID



Renie E. Steves '58 with her daughter, Stephanie Steves Burk '81, on Thanksgiving Day

2020 wedding at their home. Their youngest son, Thomas Burk, married Grace Kittle on October 10, 2020 at Thomas' childhood home in Aledo, Texas. There were 50 guests for a socially distanced ceremony under a beautiful pecan tree in their pasture surrounded by purple fountain grass, mums, and pumpkins grown in their garden. The beauty and simplicity of an incredibly special wedding under a gorgeous October sun created a memory we will always treasure. My contribution started with a call from the bride-to-be that made my day! She wanted the opportunity to use some of my china collection for the table settings on the patio where the reception was held. Stephanie and I had a fabulous afternoon as Grace and her matron of honor chose a different china pattern for each table. They also enjoyed choosing copper serving pieces for the buffet. The collective Burk and Steves family prepared the food for the evening, smoked meats of every kind, mac and cheese, brussels sprout salad, and homemade sourdough bread made by the bride herself the morning of the wedding. The day stretched into evening with family and close friends toasting the couple and thankful a new branch of the family is launched! As the fall progressed, the next family COVID challenge was how to honor and host the wonderful tradition of giving thanks around a family table. We had to keep it small but wanted another mighty memory in the books for 2020. Thanksgiving in the Burk's white clapboard barn was the unanimous choice. As the day drew closer and temperatures dropped, we decided to make it a movable feast. We began with cocktails in the barn around Tennessee whisky barrels made into cocktail tables, then moved to appetizers around the fire pit, lit with pinion wood, then made our way to the dining room for our main course, seated by the fireplace. As we were filling serving

dishes to carry into the dining room, we realized the dining room was filling with smoke! The fire alarm blared, trays were dropped, and panic set in but only briefly. Stephanie's husband John realized the grate in the fireplace was positioned incorrectly, donned his flame-resistant gloves, and returned the grate to its proper position. The alarm company called, assurances were made that we were safe and not in harm's way, and we settled into our delicious meal. The first course was shrimp and grits I had prepared. After John offered the blessing and we ate our first bites, Stephanie, whose chair was facing the street, in a quiet but firm, slowly did the queen's wave, said 'I think I see firetrucks!' Flashing lights and alarms rang through the neighborhood as the firemen made their way up the driveway. Two burly firemen entered the safe, but still a little bit smokey dining room. They surveyed us all quickly, saw that we were okay, at which point we all laughed and invited them to join us for Thanksgiving. They chuckled and smiled, politely declining, but armed with a very good story to share with their families." Hope we all can be as positive and creative during this new year of 2021!

1959

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As we look forward to a better year in 2021 with the arrival of a vaccine for COVID-19 and the ability to move around more freely your news is more important than ever. The latest information received is from **Margie Johnson Roberts** who is in a retirement community in Roanoke VA. She and husband John are restricted to campus

but her daughter lives nearby. They have stayed close to family and friends through emails, calls and texts. The election and the pandemic have been a major focus for them. A note from **Lyn Pickens Ashman** said that her husband had passed away last year and she has moved back to Little Rock AR. She is waiting for her New York apartment to sell and then will be looking for a permanent location near her niece and other family members. She played bridge with **Ginanne Graves Long** before the pandemic. Now she and her standard poodle isolate, read, watch the birds and enjoy the new surroundings. **Bev James Weeks** says she is facing the facts of getting older when she is still young inside. She has meditative moments in nature and is learning more about her Confederate past. Being able to Zoom with friends and family has kept her in touch with the outside world. In Charlotte NC **Betty Lou Atkinson Newcomb** works tirelessly for the College and does yoga via Zoom weekly, and **Marie Caldwell Porter** has a driver that takes her grocery shopping and to various other places. She calls friends and stays in touch with members of her church circle. A week at the beach on the Florida panhandle was a welcome change of scenery for **Marilyn Messerly** this summer. She is president of her condo association and is active in church groups. Keep me posted about your life and experiences so I can share news with our class.

REUNION **1960**

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From **Ellen Click Cooper**: My first husband (of 46 years), Roy Bennett, died in June 2014. On December 30, 2019, I married Arthur ("Art") Cooper, a widower who lived at the same retirement community as I. We combined our households when I moved from my cottage home to his, just up the street, so only the number changed. Art is a retired professor of Forestry at NC State University.

REUNION **1961**

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Tish Montague Grant wrote: "Like everybody

else, I guess, I have not much to tell. Will and I are well. And so are our kids and their families. We stay home and hunker down to avoid the latest wave of pandemic. We are lucky to live in the country, on the water, so we have beautiful views to contemplate while we sequester. In the summer our daughter Sally, husband Adam and kids Hazel (12) and Marcella (7), came a few times—usually we all got tested before they came. It looks as if we won't see our son Shelby (who lives in L.A.) this Christmas. It will mean we don't see him in person for over a year whenever we do see him again. We were going to go out there but then the virus struck. Looking forward to 'normal' life (whatever that is) in 2021." **Jay Wilson Monroe** wrote that her only news is she will celebrate becoming 80 yrs. old on Jan. 20. Sharing Joe Biden and Kamala Harris's Inauguration Day celebration is the best gift anyone could get. Her family plans a Zoom event. **Jewelle Wooten Bickford** reconnected with **Gene Davidson Dahmen** after all these years when Gene discovered on an email chain they had a mutual friend. They plan a reunion sometime in the summer, hopefully post COVID. Gene wrote that she, **Rosemary Davison Suttle**, and **Ann Trousedale** have been attending each other's virtual church services in Abilene, Baton Rouge, and Boston, a blessing to be together in this way. Gene also tells of being happily in touch with Jewelle and she enjoys playing Words with Friends with **Betsy Rosewater Snyder** and Rosemary. **Ann Trousedale** was disappointed that COVID caused the closing of Camp Monterey, directed by **Keith Rogers Alford '65**. She was looking forward to returning to teach pottery again and to seeing **Muffie Moroney's '65** two grandchildren who were campers there. **Lynn Hardy Yeakel** wrote that My Vision 2020 national project to celebrate the centennial of women's voting rights had to "pivot" this year, but they have not abandoned their goals and plans. They've had 3 very successful events (see Women100.org) with thousands of participants. Rescheduled programs now continue through Sept '21. **Patsy Derby Chaney** wrote "My daughter Mary is determined to keep me out of stores. The Walmart app allows me to pick up my groceries (going to Demopolis 28 miles away and opening my trunk.) Same with Tractor Supply for layer pellets for four hens and one rooster. Planting the garden gets me outside. Also keeping the deer feeder loaded and watching does, fauns, and one buck is exciting. CNN keeps me current. More prayers needed for Biden-Harris to overcome this dark cloud over the USA. Finding new recipes for "later" helps me pretend. Church vacillates from outdoors to the sanctuary and now Facebook." **Susan Richey Cummings** wrote "It is hard to report news when you are staying put. I am playing golf twice a week. My game is not

great, but I enjoy the gals with whom I play; we make up our own rules on how many do-overs one gets. I have also been to Costco twice since March. It felt like Christmas. I am not planning on being with my kids for the holidays, waiting for a vaccine before traveling. This will be the first time in 11 years I have not taken my family on a Christmas gift trip. There is always next year!" **Barbara Mackowiak Harps** wrote: "Now that the presidential election is over, the dominant theme is Covid-19, unfortunately. Because we in Germany are in a lockdown, much stricter than that in the US, there is little interaction between people so I have little to report. I am fortunate that I have no problems with walking or bike riding, so I go out regularly to "explore" the lovely surrounding countryside. Otherwise, I make music (piano, recorder) with one person, read, knit, make phone calls, and try out new recipes..." **Janice Huddleston Fernandez** wrote "I basically hibernate at home, but I have had cataract surgery on both eyes and am a new person – no glasses. I can finally wear eye makeup. Colors are so bright it is wonderful. If anyone is sitting on the fence to do this, then jump off and do it! We love pictures of the great grands and grands, and so we soldier on in quarantine."

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As I write COVID-19 infections surge around the world, death rates climb continually in the US, but the promise of effective vaccines delivers hope in the New Year. **Polly Cummings Hussain** wrote in August that her daughter Ayesha's family set out on the journey of a lifetime—son-in-law Vinny and oldest grandson Michael flew to the UK to pick up their new 45-foot catamaran. Ayesha and younger son Robert joined them in Gibraltar on the watercraft that will be their home for a year—giving home-schooling a whole new meaning! November, they joined the Atlantic Rally for Cruisers in the Canary Islands to sail across the Atlantic. They will have sailed about 2700 nm when they reach their destination in St. Lucia. Polly says she's worried plenty but keeps repeating the nautical blessing "Fair winds and following seas." Speaking of adventure **Judy Nicholson Frey** and her husband were lucky enough to have a trip to Antarctica and Patagonia arriving home just before lockdown! Hiking in the Andes made clear the need for a knee replacement which Judy undertook when she had to stay home anyway. Like many of the '64 Hiking Group, she's ready to hit the trail again! **Susan Walton Carroll** said that she is working full time in the gift store she's owned for almost 40 yrs. in Pacific Palisades, CA.



Judy Nicholson Frey '64 in Antarctica in 2020

"It has definitely been the rockiest year"—forced to close for three mos. in the spring, reopened in June with limited hours and happy to be faring well so far. "Who knows where we will be by the time you read this. I hope to be able to end my career on a high note and not a COVID swan song." **Sandy Smith Harrelson** keeps up with **Mary Jo Strausser Brown** in New Orleans who has survived the many hurricanes that have come her way this year and with **Muriel Jones Cashdollar '65** who is an MD in Seattle. **Judy Hall McBroom** in Seattle serves as co-chair of a non-profit organization called Grandmothers Against Gun Violence. The organization founded by just four women in the aftermath of the tragic Sandy Hook shootings in Newtown CT in 2012 has grown to more than 1200 members. Having its roots in Washington State, it now has members in 31 other states and its goal for 2021 is establishing a national network to educate and mobilize others to support gun safety legislation pending at state and national levels. Judy urges us to join in making a safer world for all grandchildren and visit www.grandmothersagainstgunviolence.org. Your secretary reached out to **Rule Brewer Brand** in Sept. when it seemed like Portland OR might become an Armageddon and her response was "The rioting has gone on for 100+ days... Lots of stores are closed & boarded up downtown... We are having the worst air quality in the world"...but she quickly added that rain was in forecast, riots were waning and she shared two profound blog authors. It just so happened that we were taking

inspiration and advice from the same sources to keep sanity and spirits up. Several of you shared that Thanksgiving was a very different experience as retirement communities and towns were restricting activities and asking citizens not to mix outside their own households. There were mostly words of gratitude for the many blessings of having enough and the joys of being able to give to folks less fortunate. **Caroline Lockett Cherry** and friends cooked for three other homeless families. She also tutors children pro bono on a weekly basis. **Nancy Burch Wilkinson** wrote that she ate alone on Thanksgiving because her grandson's pre-school "got tough about contacts outside home" and she added some local news, "Portland voted to fund pre-school for all 3 and 4 yr. olds. Oregon voted to decriminalize possession of drugs—means people, especially young people, will go directly to treatment and not to jail". **Harriette Moskowitz Will** and Erwin ordered turkey dinner from the dining room in their complex, put out their linens, fine china and crystal and made dining together festive just like it should be. Sadly, she reported that there had been a large number of COVID cases among residents and staff as well as several deaths, so while they've not been totally locked down the threat seemed imminent. Like many of us they enjoyed a virtual visit with their families. **Julie Block Milstein** entered into a 3-mo. retreat in Ireland this fall as continuation of her Buddhism studies. Thanks to 22 members of the Class of 1964 a challenge by classmates was surpassed and Giving Tuesday ended in a big success for our alma mater. Looking good for a wonderful 2021.

REUNION 1965

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Mary Emery Chase writes, "I'm trying to walk each day since tennis has not been in the cards during this COVID period. Zooms have been a saving grace, allowing me to keep up with a very stimulating French conversation class, continue "meeting" with my book club. Most rewarding was helping the League of Women Voters put on a virtual candidates' forum for the primary and general elections in East Providence, where I live. Turnout for these was higher than we usually have when held in person. Although travel has played a big role in my life, I now have more restricted activity due to the corona virus. I have enjoyed observing nature nearby in more detail and know more about what's going on in the extended neighborhood than I might have otherwise! Although I'm as busy as ever with Zoom meetings, I'm otherwise slowing the pace, which is probably a very good thing. Nonetheless, I'm eager to

spring out and see people in person—including what will hopefully be a large reunion next year. **Muriel Jones Cashdollar** has kept her spirits up by calling college friends **Mary Kesler**, **Agnes Richardson Kimball** and **Caroline Smith McNamara** from our class and **Sandra Smith Harrelson '64**. **Donna Binion McFall** reports her 2 daughters and their families all live in Houston too. Donna and husband Don keep busy with their 6 grandchildren. Linda Hackney Alexander writes, "Chuck and I are staying well in our home in Houston. We are both retired: He about four yrs. ago from consulting back to Exxon-Mobile, me from the Univ. of Houston-Clear Lake as a lecturer and grant administrator in the school library and Information Science Program, teaching teachers to become school librarians for their master's degrees. We sold our holiday house in Santa Fe in August after owning it for 13-14 years. It was sad to be leaving it, as my sister, **Barbara Hackney Redd '61** and her husband sold their home in Albuquerque last year and bought a house just a five-minute walk from our house in Santa Fe. We had some good visits with them in March and August this year, while we prepared our house to be sold. Chuck has pulmonary fibrosis which means he can't take the altitudes anymore without oxygen. We are keeping ourselves busy in Houston with exercising at our clubs doing Pilates Reformer, weights, and for me Zumba. We are in a wonderful neighborhood where we walk everyday among the trees. We are active in our church via Zoom for Bible studies, choir practices, church services, and recording ourselves at home for the choir anthems in services where we look a bit like the Muppets Show. I am in a study group that was founded in Houston over 100 yrs. ago in which we are doing a year's study about the Roaring '20's. I am doing women's fashion with a PowerPoint over Zoom. I also participate in a non-fiction book club with the Museum of Fine Arts Houston and serve on the board for the Bach Society Houston that is associated with our church. We had a wonderful dance group from NY come in last year for a Bach performance in the nave of the church. I made arrangements for their accommodations in homes and connected them to another liturgical dance group in Houston. We are also kept busy with some minor renovations of our home to keep it in good repair. Our son Scott is in Brooklyn NY with his three younger children: Benjamin 18, a senior in high school, Frida in 9th grade and Ava in 7th. Phineas, 21, is a senior at the Univ. of VA doing a great deal of film and video work. My sister, Barbara's son, Dr. John Redd, was the person who personally delivered the Remdesivir for President Trump in the hospital. So, the best of the best are working on the challenge."

Calley Eaton Jones writes, "I am sure all of us

are getting tired of masking and looking forward to life getting back to normal. I have missed seeing and hugging family and gathering with friends, but I have found many other ways to cope. Have always enjoyed gardening but went at it full blast starting last Spring and planted lots more flowers and bushes all over my yard. Of course, did not take into consideration the watering that would be needed in our scorching MS heat so spent the summer doing just that. My big project was putting up an arbor and a stone walkway on the side of my house with new plantings. Have named this area COVID Garden. Weather permitting, tennis, biking and hiking have kept me sane. Jigsaw puzzles, cooking, and reading have been my indoor activities. Last on my list has been housework and organizing boxes of old photos, etc. Those are still waiting for my attention. Eager to see everyone at a re-scheduled reunion."

REUNION 1966

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From **Holly Winters Perrow**: "Well this year has been especially fun! I've travelled to Australia and New Zealand and heading back to Africa for some warm weather and golf soon. The flights were long but met tons of people. Also, lots of socializing with huge weddings, indoor restaurants and church services galore. Playing lots of duplicate bridge and mahjong at the local Y and duplicate club. Spent TG with ALL my family and especially enjoyed the four university students return from UVA where they did what all UVA students do, partied till they had to leave C'ville for home. NOT!" Actually, Holly tore her rotator cuff trying to hit the golf ball farther than anyone and so had surgery and is doing what we've all been doing (see below). Meanwhile, in Stockbridge, MA, word from **Pat Flinn** about life in a tourist town, where the tourists haven't left. "So many people flocked to the many hiking trails we have, that the town decided to close them down during the lockdown. The police barricaded the footbridge leading to the three most popular trails, but the barricade was torn down. They put up a hidden camera to catch the culprit. They got a 30-second video of a bear tearing through the fencing and leisurely sauntering across the bridge!" **Judy Clements** is doing what most of us have been doing. Zooming. "It has helped me stay in touch with my book group, my knitting group, college friends, non-profit board members, family, neighborhood groups, political groups and far-flung friends. Zoom is no substitute for being with people of course! It is aggravating sometimes but it has been a good lifeline in what

could have been a very isolating year. Next up, a neighborhood auction and fundraiser complete with an on-line wine tasting." Meanwhile **Susie Tucker Brown** and Art are thinking of moving. "I have been spending hours upon hours sorting through years of accumulated 'stuff' which has been cause for tears, embarrassment, and often great amusement. I found my report card from kindergarten, letters my father wrote to my mother when he was flying in the South Pacific and she was pregnant with me—and just today a remarkable box of my grandmother's recipes. Remarkable in that the box contains 3 inches of index cards for all sorts of breads and rolls, cookies, cakes, icings, pies, crisps, and exactly four recipes under the 'entrée' category: deviled crabs, baked crab, baked imperial crab, and crab cakes! Clearly Baltimore and Eastern Shore roots." **Mary Alice Potts Rhodes** also does what many of us have been doing. "We go to the grocery store, the pet store for cat food, Zoom for meetings, Facebook for church, and I Zoom with a few students to teach violin lessons during the week. When we see our children and grandchildren, who live about an hour away from us, we distance and meet in the yard." **Louise Dickson Cravens** is at their place on Caddo Lake, reading, writing Christmas cards and a Christmas letter, and cooking. **Rogers Roseberry Bardé** has given up on the grocery store and just does pick up, but goes to the Y to exercise. "We have to wear a mask the whole time and it's hard. I've been tempted to cheat but I haven't. I've been trying to eat at different restaurants every week to help out. I know they have a rough time. Lots of zooming, but still go see mother every Sunday. She's 96 and pretty safe at home. I did a Sean Connery retrospective and I read a lot, but my eyes are bothering me, need cataract surgery. Watched The Queen's Gambit, set in Lexington KY, but not filmed there. Enjoyed it!" **Cheryl Hoffman Marks** and Richard moved to a condo in a lovely neighborhood in Charlottesville in August. Their home in McLean sold in September in 4 hours. They split their time between VA and a condo in CO and are enjoying the university town.

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From **Betty Morgan Sanders**: I'm still singing and sounding pretty decent! I'm singing in an online chorus and with a virtual choir. I sing every day which keeps me happy. During the pandemic, I've been going to my son's family twice a week which has kept me sane. I had a COVID-19 scare in the fall, and I'm pleased to report that my test results came back negative! Blessings to

all our classmates - hope everyone is safe and well. From **Molly North**: Can life get any more unpredictable? I am hopeful that everyone in our large orbit is fine and has not fallen victim to the virus. I am looking forward to driving with my sister and others to Clearwater FL in a few weeks to visit with relatives. I had a recent evaluation of early Alzheimer's. So far, this entails limited forgetfulness and meds. I am no longer driving, and I plan to remain in my house for several yrs. I am hoping for many more yrs. on this earth, and a medical break-through. I will continue to sign up for classes online. I am missing church activities. There is a classic movie theater here and I am looking forward to seeing that open again. I will always be thankful for my teachers and the connections I made at Randolph-Macon. From **Carter Heyward**: I serve as vice president of our local NAACP (Transylvania Co., NC). In 2021, we'll be sponsoring a "Time to Talk/Time to Listen" forum, probably via zoom, to reach for better understandings of one another across our many divides. We'll continue our weekly Moral Monday witness in the town square, in which we insist that Black Lives Matter and promote justice-making in all realms. I continue my work with Free Rein, our local therapeutic riding center and have several senior horses of my own as well as a couple of dogs who keep me walking up and down the hills. I still write and do some public speaking and preaching and, during the COVID-19 crisis, have begun to enjoy cooking after lo these many decades. May 2021 bring healing at so many levels in our lives and the world around us! From **Pat Harriss Holden**: Our Lunch Bunch classmates group continues to meet after 15 years of actual lunches—but now every two wks. on Zoom. **Julia Dorsey Reed Loomis, AnnaBelle Corbin Ambrosen, Barbara Drane Roberson, Anne Betts Allen, Nellie Pat Clemens Landrum, Kitty Boshier**, and sometimes a "Surprise Mystery Guest!" Wide range of topics! Sempiternal international globetrotter **Susan ("Sooty") Severn Schearer** is gradually getting used to the impossibility of flying or driving off to wherever. As of Nov. 30, her retirement community's independent residents were still COVID-free. Absit omen (may this not be a bad omen). "I love seeing Facebook postings from our classmates. Stay well, y'all!" From **Carolyn Imrie Fisher**: I'm missing my volunteer activities with the young students during these challenging times. Thank goodness for Zoom and Google Meet and others which are enabling us to conduct many meetings and even family gatherings! My hope for 2021 is a return to some of those social, educational, and physical activities that are so important to our mental, physical, and emotional wellbeing. I miss hugs most of all (although I have snuck a few in for

friends in emotional distress).

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Karen Borek found a way to bring her family to her Thanksgiving table in 2020 for that most family-centered of holidays, even during a travel-averse pandemic year. She gathered pictures of family, both past and present, and surprised husband Ted with this array when he arrived at the table. Both agreed it was the best part of the meal! Karen's son-in-law continues to work on his documentary on vaccines and anti-vaxxers, which he started months before the pandemic. Of course, many of us have canceled holiday travel plans for the holiday season of 2020, including **Barbara McCartney Kirkland**, who had hoped to visit Montana at Christmas and New York at Thanksgiving. It was not only COVID that affected her plans but a broken knee in mid-Nov. made everything harder. Since Barbara lives in a three-story townhouse even living at home was a challenge, and that is when friend Jane invited her to the spare bedroom in her one-story home. Fortunately, Barbara was able to continue her work as a contact tracer with the VA Department of Health – definitely a sit-down and phone call-based job. She also has continued in-office work as a nurse-midwife but only once a month. For Barbara, friendship is what is getting her through these strange times. She, Jane, and another friend, Lee, have declared themselves a family and have cocktails and meals regularly. Barbara Zooms from time to time with **Mary Scully Riley** and **Page Shields** and keeps in close touch with **Marilyn Hicks Fitzgerald**, her college roommate. Our whole sisterhood of R-MWC Class of 1968 began sitting through movies until the credits years ago when we learned that classmate Ellen Chenoweth was casting movies. **Sally Sherard Mattingly** recently shared that Ellen had casted "The Undoing", a six-episode suspense show, on HBO-MAX and that the acting is wonderful. We are all so proud, and desperately looking for someone we know who has HBO-MAX! **Bonney Davis Andrews** and husband Bob remain "hunkered down" in Charlottesville where the increased virtual learning options during COVID have allowed Bonney to take a Modern Greek language through Georgetown without traveling to DC. Bonney and Bob have daughters in DC and FL and she has a sister, **Ellen Davis '65**, nearby in Richmond. This has proved important, as Bonney has had a recent diagnosis of pancreatic cancer, fortunately Stage 1 and operable. She has started her chemotherapy and is supported by family and friends as she learns

to manage this process. Her old roommate group of **Nancy Cromwell Scott, Mary Ratcliffe, Deborah Pokinski, and Mary Shepard Hughes** Zooms regularly and she also has a Zoom book club. **Helen Makarowsky Tuman** has also had the rare socially distanced time with family and many canceled holiday plans. She has the now-universal DIY pandemic haircut and Zooms with family and other volunteers at the Desert Botanical Garden. She has spent time reading and catching up on Netflix movies, as well as ranting at Cable TV news – sound familiar, everyone? Many classmates have sent wishes to everyone for health and good family time in the coming months as we await vaccines to mitigate the pandemic. We are always seeking that Vita abundantior, even in these challenging times!

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This year is the centennial year of Women's Suffrage; how fitting that **Liza Rucker Hager** and **Melinda Agee** were among those of us who contributed to the 2020 election efforts to ensure a democratic process. Liza was chief judge at her local Raleigh precinct. With 2600 voters, only about 370 voted in person as early voting dominated. Her job was relatively easy this year; one of the few issues was a problem with a machine used by a blind voter. (The machine ate the ballot.) The Helpline showed how to dismantle the machine, step-by-step, and Liza saved the day—and the vote. Prior to Election Day, Liza worked as a volunteer at NCSU's tally center for early voting, mainly registering new voters, most of them students. Her involvement in NC elections began when she volunteered for the Wake Co. Board of Elections when she retired in 2008. Melinda was a monitor observer for the GA recount. Close to 5 million ballots were recounted by hand, and Melinda's job was to observe and protect ballot counters from threats or intimidation so they could do their work. At deadline, Melinda was planning an annual trip to south FL at Christmas, this year with pandemic modifications. She shares with her class a lesson she learned from **Bibs Van Nice**, with whom she corresponded while in West Africa 50 yrs. ago: Look for beauty in nature and in all its other forms, letting beauty nourish and lead you, in a spiritual way, to what and who matters. Look for more love, giving and receiving it. We are all connected to everything and everyone—an enchanted, uplifting feeling. In this day of COVID, words to nurture us, for sure. **Mackie Snyder Kudravetz** points to a rewarding experience this year: a new Zoom book group formed by **Suzy Gordon** for some

of our class. It's been a real plus in Mackie's life—connecting with classmates and hearing about their lives, sharing feelings about books they've read together. **Stuart Whittle**, another in the book group, also expresses the joy of connecting with classmates over mutual love of books. Mackie thinks a positive pandemic effect will be a more tech-savvy populace, albeit a more anxiety-driven one. Mackie has been busy helping David rehab following a knee replacement. Daughter Julia's New Dominion Bookshop is hanging on by adapting to its business plan to continue selling books during the pandemic. **Katherine Kerr Memory's** husband of 50 yrs. died on September 4. Friends and family have supported Katherine lovingly through her grief. **Joan Wickham Sugg** is hoping her trips to the Netherlands, Britain and Canada, which she rescheduled for 2021, actually happen. Her community's "A Christmas Carol" was cancelled as well; Joan was very much involved in various capacities with the annual tradition. She has found pandemic relief in her needlework. Her cross-stitch, knitting, needlepoint and crochet have manifested in tree ornaments, crib quilts, stockings, and needlepoint magnets for those at Washington National Cathedral whom Joan sees every Sunday while "attending" virtual services. Joan is a local angel, spending countless hours making objects of beauty, giving her needlework creations to those who serve the community. As we remember a year unlike any other, we should recall all the good things: I've learned to appreciate, more than ever, our need for community—family and friends. I value, more than ever, the support two people in a meaningful marriage give each other. I depend, more than ever, on challenging my mind. (Reading has been a source of solace.) I have learned to listen to and express my feelings, whether it is anger, joy, despair, contentment. I have decided the goodness in humanity will save us. The stories of those who gave, of those who stood up to injustice and to those who stoke fear among us, of those who love this country and want to preserve our institutions and the rule of law—these stories are what inspire us and propel us forward.

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On October 9, **Elizabeth Herbert Cottrell** sponsored a Zoom meeting for the Union Station

R-MWC group. It was attended by **Elizabeth "Betsy" Krome, Sarah Rouse Sheehan, Deborah "Debbie" Ward Heritage, Karen Russell** and **Susie Witter**. We talked about our lives during the pandemic and shared good books for reading. Elizabeth and husband John are doing their best to find the silver lining in the pandemic. It means more time together, decluttering and cleaning the house. They are blessed to live in a rural area to get outside safely. Elizabeth's mother is 95 (R-MWC class of 1946) and has been locked down in her retirement community. They talk daily and they see each other when it is allowed. Sarah is reading a lot of mysteries and enjoying walks in her DC neighborhood. Karen is busy taking care of her 99 year old father and catching up on house projects. Debbie is earning her wings by helping a neighbor that she has known for 40 yrs. to declutter her house and move to a new life in Ohio. Susie is dreaming about traveling after the pandemic. Betsy and husband moved to Chapel Hill NC to help take care of a new grandchild. She misses her daily pottery studio creations. In November, Betsy participated in the Artisans Studio tour, <https://www.artisanstudiotour.com/home-1>. The site includes a tour of Betsy's Quail Run Pottery studio and a live FB demonstration. The year 2020, has been rich with possibilities and challenges for **Louisa Branscomb**. Louisa's last album Gonna Love Anyway is about resilience. It has been on the folk and bluegrass charts for more than two yrs. Her new all-female band, Geez Louise suspended activities in March. Before the election, Louisa wrote and recorded a new song about women's right to vote, Got a Lot Riding on These Wheels which you can see on YouTube. **Frances Taber** celebrated 10 yrs. with Bank of America in May and has been working from home since March. Husband Barry is a self-employed writer. Daughter Olivia graduated from Berkeley University Goldman School with a master's in Public Policy. Some sad news: **Carolyn Crosthwaite** husband's Hal passed away on September 30, after battling two types of cancer. Debbie and Karen are on the 50th Reunion Committee with 12 other dedicated classmates. We should have more news about the Reunion when this Bulletin is published. We hope all of you are planning to participate in our 50th Reunion either in person or virtually. We encourage you to add your life experiences to the Reunion Booklet even if you cannot attend. You can find Reunion information at www.randolphcollege.edu/reunion and update your contact information at <https://www.randolphcollege.edu/association/update/>. Thank you for sharing your pandemic stories with us. All of us are looking forward to a better 2021. Turn to page 58 to read great news about our classmate!

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For the last fifteen yrs., **Catherine Gibbs** has been living in bucolic Lincoln MA and headed for Venice almost every spring. She has been gluten-free for forty yrs. and has been able to keep up with a high level of exercise, especially walking, until fairly recently. After three surgeries to her right knee, she has had to slow down and smell the flowers a bit and she actually does have a small garden every yr. She was very sad to learn of Dr. Lloyd's passing, and has been so grateful to him (and his wonderful Angela) for introducing her to what became her life's work. Having had to scale down formal employment, Catherine now has more time for reflection and organizing her house. After all these years living elsewhere, she is still a Virginian at heart. **Laura Bullock Crumbley** has been so busy! First, the washing machine overflowed and took out the basement ceiling. They did save the parquet floor upstairs by making the laundry room 97 degrees for 3 days! While redoing the basement ceiling, they had the dining room ceiling fixed where her shower had been leaking. She got her shower and her mother's fixed. (Her mother's was leaking over the electrical panels!) Then in July as they were wrapping up the water damage, the upstairs AC died. While the workers were up in the attic, Laura decided to switch to solar exhaust fans there. The youngest worker slipped and put his foot through the living room ceiling so he says, "Mama will fix it!" Sure enough, Mama owns and runs a large painting contracting business. She was a great gal according to Laura. Now all the air ducts are cleaned, she has new showers, new AC, professionally cleaned basement; the best part in these "COVID" times was that she and her mother had a constant flow of entertainment! No day was the same and to be sure they all wore masks! **Lucinda Gibson** wrote to say hello in 2020: Happy New Year, Happy Valentine's Day; Happy St. Pat's Day; Happy Easter; Happy Memorial Day; Happy birthday, Happy 4th; Happy Veterans Day; Happy Thanksgiving; Happy Chanukah; Happy Holidays; Merry Christmas. She sent all possible greetings in one fell swoop since who knows what day it is anymore since COVID-19 arrived. Thankfully, she knew no one with the malady. Husband Tom Myers and she have done very well and they figure they have about another year of quarantining there in GA. They aren't mingling until there is a vaccine and proven success with it. **Juliette Ezzell Grumley** was happy to report some good news in this COVID crazy year. Her youngest son Thomas is the excited new father to Rowan James Grumley, born on Election

Day 2020! He is her 7th grandchild. She and Paul are thankful they are able to be traveling grandparents – self-isolating and making quick trips for contained visits. They are also "boomers who are now zoomers", able to keep in touch with family and friends both near and far. What a year to celebrate 70 years! **Lorena Kern** has been sheltering in place in NYC since the original March lock down. She says it's been okay, but she is a bit antsy and has a hard time staying focused! Her brother and she decided in October they would cancel the holidays this year, which meant no trip to LA for Thanksgiving or Christmas. Except for when she was in Reading, this is the only time she has not spent Christmas with her brother! She had wondered if maybe they were being too cautious, however, now it looks like they were geniuses. Lorena's dog continues to do the most to keep her sane – They walk 4x a day and almost always do 10,000 steps each day. The folks around her pretty much all wear masks so getting out feels okay to her. It was reported in August class notes that Lorena had become a member of the board of trustees of Randolph College. Of course, the meetings have all been over Zoom! She is hoping that by May, the meetings will return to campus. She says this is probably the most difficult time for the College in its entire history. She reported that they are doing a remarkable job, both the administration and the faculty. They pivoted to online classes overnight and everything seems to be covered. The plan is for the students to be on campus for second semester so Lorena is hoping that all will go well. **Carol Haley '70**, who also lives in NYC is on the Board now. They have gotten together on the phone. **Jane Hamrick Blaus** was lucky to have gone on a trip with her daughter at the end of February to the Big Island in Hawaii! They had a great time. She was so glad that they forged ahead on the trip even though there were "rumors" at that point about the virus. Her granddaughter started kindergarten this past fall and Jane is her home facilitator. She says it is actually fun except for technical snafus! They have kept safe in their little family bubble. She has been reading and knitting quite a bit. In the warmer weather, she could have friends over for lunch to sit on her patio. We all will miss that outside socializing in these cold winter mos.!

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Carole Collins Colley happily reports from London that thanks to **Marsha Taylor Pepper**, and with **Carole Steinheimer Brand's** technical assistance, she participated in a 6-way international Zoom call in mid-Nov. including **Lisa Cload Sutton, Marsha, Tisha Shelden**, Carole, and **Monie Lindsey** (in the UK). "We all reported on our own respective COVID-19 situations - here in London, we have been in and out of 'lockdown' or under other restrictions since March. Professionally, we noted variously working from home, or still commuting to an office, or sitting out the pandemic in semi-retirement - as well as the various government sponsored programs for professional support. On a welcome, lighter note of escapism, I was surprised and delighted to note the enthusiasm for the UK television program 'The Great British Bake-Off' and fill the others in on how things were going in the Tent. Never too many academic achievements to like cake." Your interim class secretary was delighted by subsequent email commentary around the British TV show, including discussion of categories, cast, and contestants and cake. Carole Brand stays busy with volunteer activity for "Reclaim Our Vote" among other organizations and keeping up with a growing family. Tisha stated that, despite most theaters being closed, the League of Historic American Theaters is sustaining its membership and donations (testimony to Tisha's dedication to this organization). Monie now lives in Hampton Hill, southwest of London where she enjoys consulting work and cycling with various groups. Marsha and husband Steve appreciate having daughter Rachel live nearby in her recently purchased condo. Lisa Sutton and husband David have moved to a new home in the Greenville, SC area. Dreams of traveling and enjoying a simpler life in the western NC mountains met the reality of a pandemic and hardships of mountain living. Classmates, there are ways to streamline our communication: join the Class of 1975 Facebook group. I am also including a link to the Randolph website update contact info form: <https://www.randolphcollege.edu/association/update/>. You can always send notes to me any time for inclusion in the next edition of *Vita*.

REUNION 1976

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Robin Williams Shay shares, "I'm happily working as a clinical faculty member at the Johns Hopkins Univ. 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 yrs. of marriage in July. Please stay safe and healthy as we navigate this difficult time."

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Good news for **Dawn Keogh**! Since her final cancer treatment May '19, she's graduated to bloodwork every 3 mos. and CT scans every 6 mos. She will be in remission May '24 if this keeps up! She wants to get to VA to visit daughter **Charlotte Hudson '20**, whom she hasn't hugged since Jan. Because **Debbie Phillips Close** and husband Geoff have been working remotely, they made a pre-retirement move to Charlottesville in Dec. 2 years ahead of schedule. Debbie looks forward to connecting with local alumnae. She is still in touch with **Vivien Caldwell Devins '74** of Port Orange FL. **Gwynn Callis Campbell** described 2020 as "The year from Hell." Not much was going on with her except stress: the election, COVID, elder care, overwhelm. She moved her mother, 94, from Orlando to Vero Beach where she can regularly check on her. Caregiving is a (stressful) blessing. **Leigh Martin Lowe** continued to work hard writing postcards to get folks to vote (GA), and she's painting whenever she can. Much of her time is spent on FaceTime with parents and grands. She urges everyone to, "Wear masks! Wash your hands! Stay safe!" **Lisa Peniston Sieg** reports that husband Pat and she have stayed busy throughout the pandemic: cooking creatively, appreciating nature more than ever, and turning out corona creations, pandemic paintings (his) and even a few viral videos. They've also taken the Rockville Art League online, organizing 2 large juried virtual shows spring and winter as well as hosting monthly meetings on Zoom. **Liz Layton** is in a book club with eight women, including R-MWC alums **Cathy Murphy, Kim Maxwell '76**, and **Susan Dossett**. In book club discussions Cathy's political insight was appreciated, honed while she was reporting Boston news before she went to NPR. Cathy is substitute teaching at a high school in the Atlanta area. She also teaches church preschool. Cathy is handling chronic pain with swimming and yoga, and is grateful that she and family have been COVID-free. She'd love to hear from R-MWC alums and welcomes funny videos



Emily Gill Mills '79 COVID-19- style in front of the Virginia Beach Volunteer Rescue Squad building

and stories. **Joanna Szymczyk Beverly's** thoughts turned to gratitude. Their son Bryant eloped, bringing his beautiful wife, Jessica, into their family! Walter, her son, Andrew, and she had very mild cases of COVID in early Sept. They also adopted a super energetic Golden Doodle, 3, named Belle, earlier this yr. They hike in nearby fields twice a day so Belle can run to her heart's content! **Diana Mitchell Smith** and husband Charlie moved in Aug. to a suburb of Okla. City. They planned that move for retirement, but got there early with an opportunity for Charlie to serve the PCUSA at the Mid-Council level in OKC. They have family in the vicinity plus many old friends and are glad to be back. While staying home and settling in, Dianna virtually joined a rapidly expanding, hard charging group of women working locally, regionally and nationally to effect political change. **Maggie Sipp Akhavan** with husband Darius visited Diana and Charlie while on business and had a fun dinner together. **Mandy Owen** and family are "hanging in" during this weird time of the pandemic. She continues to do in-home caregiving for several clients, which is still very rewarding and keeps her busy. Her older son is in nursing school. Husband and younger son are still in different areas of the boating business. They all feel very lucky to be able to continue working. She wishes they could visit Lynchburg and VA more. **Pattie Hallett** has finally established a more positive relationship with her two Yellow Lab pups. They were 2 on New Year's Day. She has always loved them dearly but, she admits that she was definitely too old to have two puppies to raise alone. In her words, "What was I thinking??" They now let her sleep for more than 3 or 4 hours at a time! For this, she is grateful. She learned much more during the year of quarantine, not the least of which is that "enjoying my alone time" is not even remotely the same thing as being isolated/quarantined. **Debbie Randall Bowie** admits that as with everyone, COVID has kept her home more than



Janet Hansen Martinet '79 with her painting at the VA Watercolor Society show in Richmond

at any time in her life. Life has been simplified to shopping for necessities, occasional visits to her dad, 92, occasional organizing/coaching clients, on-line clarinet lessons and clarinet practice, a few creative endeavors (sewing, crocheting, making collages) with some yard work thrown in here and there. Her biggest challenge in the fall was to keep depression at bay due to isolation and the chaos surrounding COVID and the election. Please send news and your email updates anytime you think of it.

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Barbara Woodford has recently moved to an apartment in Forest. After living on a farm for 56 yrs., this is an adjustment for her, but as she notes, "a pleasant one." **Katy Capps** was offered a part-time job working in her church's office last February. "I really enjoy supporting the clergy and staff while serving the parish...a great fit. Of course, the pandemic kept us all home for mos. We are back at work now, but I keep to myself otherwise in order to ensure that I can visit my father. I keep up with classmates and college friends on Facebook, which reduces the isolation a bit. I am grateful for the hilarious posts from **Claudia Cassone Stewart**, **Martha Hamblin**, **Betty Burleigh**, and others." **Diane Ragland Russell** and John moved to a "nice house in Old Colorado City (CO Springs) where there is lots to do on foot." They are adjusting to mos. of snow after life in Albuquerque. **Russell Willis Taylor** is still, "happy in Scotland—doing a lot of work with the Government on Citizen Science and Climate Change awareness for rural Scotland. That R-MWC liberal arts degree has many applications—certainly taught me how to go find out about things I don't know and that is making even this later chapter of my life much richer." **Robin Chambers Dixon** is finishing up

her MA in Social Justice and Peace at Villanova University. When she wrote to me in December, she was working hard on her thesis, *Twenty-first Century Social Reform: Black Liberation*. In her words, "with seismic transformations in society, I'm drinking from a fire hose on this one!" **Lucy Gerald Cook** shared that she lost her dad in Jan. and her mother in July. She added, "Charlie and I have been in Maine. Charlie [The Cook Political Report] is able to work entirely remotely and needless to say had a very busy election year. He's moving towards retirement...still writing and speaking but handing the day to day management of the company to someone else." Daughter Becky's a genetic counselor in Santa Monica with husband and 2 year old Josephine. Son David and Carolyn are in Pittsburgh where he's an assistant football coach at St. Vincent College. He is hopeful that with a vaccine he'll be able to recruit and they'll be able to play in the fall. Lucy's youngest, Jeff, is a regional producer for ABC News in Denver. Lucy and Charlie are selling their Maryland house and looking forward to moving to Maine. Please let me or the College know of any changes in your contact information, especially emails. I hate it when most of my responses are from "mailer-daemon"! Keep up with Alum news and great online events here: <https://randolphcollege.edu/association/>. You can also update your information from a link on this page. Hoping for better times in 2021! Stay well, Margaret.

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Becky Clarke Morrison is quarantined with husband Ralph and cocker spaniel Maisie in Atlanta. Oldest son Ragan had moved in to study for the bar exam and got "stuck" with his parents! Happily, he passed the bar and is practicing with his dad. Younger son Clarke and his wife are both

practicing law in Nashville and enjoying their daughter. Ralph and Becky love being grandparents, wishing they lived closer! Becky had saved fabric over the years just like her mom and grandmother and has been making masks. It has kept her busy, and so she is grateful for the task that hopefully has been useful. Everyone in her family has stayed well, including her mom, 94, who lives nearby in assisted living. **Mary O'Malley Borg** and husband Rody celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary and 37 yrs. of teaching at their same universities (Rody's at Jacksonville University and Mary at the University of North Florida). Mary is teaching totally online; she says it's nice to only have to get the top half of herself presentable to the public at this age! Middle daughter Kellie and Josh gave up on big wedding plans, having a small family wedding at the beach. Youngest daughter Christina is still holding out for the fairy tale but has had to reschedule three times. Mary is helping her oldest daughter with virtual kindergarten for her grandson: she is glad she chose college teaching as her profession! No plans for retirement yet; she already lives in FL and still loves her job! **Bridget Wells** and her partner have been hibernating in the mountains since March where the trees are numerous, the deer and fox equally so, and the air is crisp and clean and relatively COVID free. As retirement is looming large and COVID makes going to an office unnecessary, they have decided to move to the mountains permanently near Charlotte NC. She looks forward to traveling only for fun. **Chappy Johnson Graf** has stayed very close to home. Gardening, projects, and caring for her mom and family have kept her busy. She has learned to zoom and teleconference so has managed to take part in some fun programs. Husband Bayard worked from home, with an office in the basement. Daughter Annie lives in Arlington VA, finishing a Master's in Emergency Medicine Management and an internship with the DC office of EM. Son Richard is interviewing for residency positions in ER—via zoom. Son William, a high school physics and math teacher in VA, went back to school in October. **Tracy Walter Stunja** and husband Joe celebrated 36 yrs. married and divide their time between Houston and Bucks County PA where Tracy enjoys riding her horse, hiking, gardening and learning to play pickle ball. Their son recently celebrated the arrival of Tracy's second grandson in Charlotte. Their daughter and fiancé are in NJ. **Sherry Lynch Conrad** and husband Dale have stayed healthy, but the focus of their activities has switched from face-to-face meetings to using Zoom. As president of the community's On the Go Travel Club with 1000 members, she has learned how to use Zoom and the "share screen" feature for meetings so speakers can share photos with

members. She has also taken photography classes offered via Zoom. **Jamie Gavin Sullivan** says some of her volunteer duties have decreased and zoom and google meets are wonderful! They have increased their bubble to include their grandchildren, though that limits contact with other family members and the outside world.

Leslie Hoge is trying to stay safe in Northern VA but has had to go to work every day since the beginning of the pandemic. Her dad is in Hospice care so she cannot visit without a weekly COVID-19 test, which is almost impossible to get right now. Fortunately, her Mom visits every day for a few minutes. **Carol Mathis** retired in Nov. after 26 yrs. with United Health Group. She and Lorene have packed up their 2 Chinese Cresteds, a cat and a pug puppy and are retiring to their flat in Matosinhos, Portugal. She attributes her love of travel to her junior yr. in Reading. **Linda Westbrook Weinstein's** youngest son Sam returned from Afghanistan in March and is leaving the Army soon. She and husband Ron drove to NC to visit him in May and played some great golf in the Pinehurst area, returning in October to visit and play 4 courses at Pinehurst - heaven! Their daughter's wedding has been delayed, but she is getting married regardless of the state of the

world! Eldest Josh is a practicing attorney in Chicago and was just named partner in his firm. Ron retired as a practicing tax CPA and enjoys lounging and the occasional outing! Linda still works very part-time. Linda also enjoys "zooming" with other classmates. **Joan Hull Stumborg's** mother passed away on Nov. 12; the family was with her as she left in peace. Joan plays a lot of golf and keeps busy in her yard. **Marty Daniel Tucker** has been doing everything from cracking open geodes with grandsons to feeding carrots to her daughter's retired show jumper. The sharing of intergenerational experiences comes with some sadness, for her mom passed away in October. Marty's mom was an advocate for women's colleges as she had enjoyed her alma mater, Sullins. **Emily Gill Mills** is ever optimistic; she has had a fun time cooking and having a slower pace of life. She is thankful that she is a golf addict and loves getting out for some socialization. **Victoria Jewell Greenlee** married a Brit, moved to England in 2005, and back to Portland OR in 2015. She is doing her best to stay healthy while looking after her dogs and garden. Daughter Theodora was awarded her PhD last May. Her son and his lovely Australian wife live in Portland, but plan to move to Australia in about

two yrs. She loves to travel and would be happy to travel halfway around the world to see any grandchildren. **Janet Hansen Martinet** and husband Mike are doing well, and she has almost caught up with her gardening. Son Michael moved to Rockville MD to be close to his job but visits about once a mo. Son Henry is still taking online classes. Janet had a painting in the VA Watercolor Society show in Richmond; it was nice to have something in a physical show since most were only on-line this year. She had a wonderful visit with **Lou Hinshelwood McKinney '80** at the Ginter Botanical Garden after she and Mike saw the exhibit. **Kee Hood Marshall** and husband have been working remotely from home since mid-March. She is doing well after her brain tumor was discovered nearly 10 yrs. ago; she has had 3 surgeries and continues to be monitored via periodic MRIs (it is still a grade 2 so that is very good news). Older son Sam and Olga live in Richmond VA where Sam works at the library at the Univ. of Richmond and Olga is in residency. Younger son Frank and girlfriend spend most of their time at UNCW's Marine Science Center. Frank is completing his Masters in Living Shorelines and has a paid internship with an engineering firm in Wilmington. Debi Barrett-



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Hayes is busy staying home, deciding to retire after many years of teaching Art, and the pet family loves it. Martin continues to conduct Law from the office (living room). Son Cosby and his partner Sarah are both artists who create beautiful murals in the U.S. and internationally. Sarah also teaches art at a private K-12 school. In Feb., **Libba Bushnell Williams** lost her mother at age 96. Libba has spent most of her time since cleaning out and selling her mother's house after she lived there for 60 years. Her daughter had a baby boy in September, and Libba has had a ball helping her. Her son and daughter-in-law have a daughter. They had planned to visit their oldest son and daughter-in-law in Marseille, France but will wait until the pandemic is over. **Jodi Boston Zipp** reports that her stepdaughter Emily is engaged. Daughter Olivia graduated nursing school in August and secured her dream job—ICU nurse in a major hospital. She's treating COVID patients, and Jodi couldn't be prouder of her resolve and commitment. The pandemic has pushed the opioid epidemic to the sidelines, yet it is still raging. Her family is still grieving the loss of Jodi's son O.G. Wellborn, and she is putting pressure on her elected reps to keep the epidemic and its victims in mind. **Sue Danin Dickey** had a nice surprise. Jodi bought a home 5 doors down from her in Harbor Springs MI. They have had lunch several times and loved every bit of catching up. Sue says Jodi still looks beautiful, has a wonderful husband and a gorgeous successful daughter. She met Jodi and **Shannon Donnelly '80** for lunch by the water.

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Despite our pleas and threats, we have little news to share. But there is some very exciting stuff so read on! As some of you now know because Jamie

blabbed it on the R-MWC Class of 1983 Facebook page instead of letting me have it as a Class Notes news, **Jamie Ledbetter D'Innocenzo** and husband Bill are moving to Wilmington NC. After a LOT of debate, do we go, don't we go, because of COVID and high NC cases, she and Bill spent a month in Wilmington in October giving it a trial run and decided it was to their liking. She's excited about being closer to more classmates. **Jackie Cambias Peer** wrote that she has moved all over and is now retired. She lives north of NOLA in the same neighborhood where her mother lives. She said, "No kiddos, but a cute pup and staying safe because we don't go out much. It was great to see precious faces in May on our class Zoom. Be safe and healthy all. All y'all are R-MWC strong, and looking fine." **Kim Keleher** wrote about her new line of business, working with puppies! The link is CanineConnectionVa.com and she trains your dog or puppy for you for three days a week for a number of weeks. She says, "Then I train you and your family to help your dog keep up with all that she has learned from me. I'm being forced to pay attention to Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter. Argh. I've got a Zoom account so that I can teach online. I may have to start a YouTube channel too." As a former roommate of Kim's, I'm finding it very entertaining to think of her keeping up with the technology requirements of her job. She also said, "Not much other news. Tom and I have been together for almost 18 yrs. Dempsey, the crazy Doberman is going to be 12 in March. He's still crazy but a bit less so. At this writing my extended family is safe and well. One of Tom's grandsons got a positive test for COVID but seems asymptomatic and is feeling well. We are very lucky. But because of the pandemic my mother will spend Thanksgiving at her retirement community. So that's sad but safe. Goodwin House has done amazing work to keep everyone there healthy." The big, juicy, exciting, titillating news is that the Class of 1983 DELTA MU scoops you! The rest of these Class Notes has been procured by Delta Mu and will only be released if 10 people send in news. Until then DELTA MU still haunts you!

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Hello all! As I am compiling this round of notes, COVID-19 is still gripping the country and we are all doing our best to navigate these weird times. Here's hoping that by the time you read these notes, the worst is behind us! It should come as no surprise to learn that the ladies of 86 have not let a pesky pandemic get them down! **Daisy Bibb Miller Davidson**, aka Mother Trucker, decided to pack up her family and hit the road! Leaving the Sunshine State in the rear view mirror, she and her family have relocated to a bunker in WV where she has family. Anyone wondering about the toilet paper crisis on the East Coast can look to Daisy. In exchange for a donation to the Annual Fund, I can put you in touch with the TP queen of the eastern seaboard. Word from the Big Easy is that **Caroline Noyes** has turned her ability of wrangling teenagers through their college yrs. into being the neighborhood chicken herder. When asked, Caroline stated that she found it far easier to herd chickens than students! **Ruth Moyers Hallman** and **Sharon Smith McClellan** have decided to partner up for a Tiger King 2.0 Georgia style. With the help of Sharon's son, Cameron, to help them wrestle the wild animals, they believe they can make a go of it. **Penny Shaw Bugos** happened to be one of their first visitors but was pounced upon by one of the tigers due to her glorious red hair. Penny is making a speedy recovery and will be ready to dance with the best of us at Reunion! In all seriousness, life is moving on for all of us and despite the changed landscape there are milestones to note. **Caro Ward Miguelez** had a big wedding celebration planned for daughter Caroline over July 4th weekend. COVID crushed that plan but Caroline and Evan chose to get married at the courthouse in Napa in August. They were allowed only one witness and found out the night before that they could step out of the car to stand in front of the judge. Caro and John and his parents were waiting at a restaurant a few miles away to celebrate the newlyweds. They are keeping fingers crossed that they can celebrate the couple in July 2021. **Larkin Mott** writes that her son Christopher Charles graduated from OCS Quantico. Not only did Larkin attend the ceremony she also pinned his lieutenant bars on him. **Lil Mackie Pinney** reports that her daughter is a freshman at Univ. of Richmond and loves it there! Since Martha has grown up in NOLA, she hasn't really experienced a true fall. Therefore, when the leaves began to turn she FaceTimed with Lil to show her the beauty of the changing leaves. Lil writes that she misses the beauty of VA falls. **Cynthia Kramer Paris** was diagnosed with Non-Hodgkin's lymphoma very suddenly in Jan. 2020. I am happy to report that she is doing beautifully and handled chemo during a pandemic like the warrior she is! Only Cynthia would set up a Zoom with us from her hospital bed while

awaiting the results of her tests! She is growing the most glorious head of curls you can imagine and those of us who Zoom with her monthly are filled with envy! She is taking medical leave from Delta at this time but remains busy with her consulting and her Arbonne business. **Ruth Moyers Hallman** and family have settled into their new home on Skidaway Island. Two girls at home during a pandemic meant lots of hands on deck to paint the interior before the movers arrived with the furniture. Like me and I'm sure many others, her college senior did not have the senior spring and graduation that they had looked forward to for 4 years. Instead we watched a virtual graduation. I remain hopeful that Andrew will still get a ceremony and celebration at W&L in May 2021. I am grateful that he locked in a job with Cambridge Associates, a financial consulting firm in Arlington. After a summer of living and working virtually from home he has moved into a 4 bedroom apartment in Arlington with 3 fraternity brothers and loving it. Brian and I consider ourselves blessed that all 3 kids are living and working within 2 miles of each other in the ARLs! On a more somber note, we have classmates who have suffered losses this season. I have reported the passing of **Claudia Keenan's** beautiful daughter Lara to leukemia back in the spring. Claudia and her sons, Beach and Griffin, had to go through Lara's final days and those first months of grief in a pandemic. Claudia held out hope for an in person outdoor memorial service for Lara, but the numbers continue to trend in the wrong direction so she and the boys and the staff at Church of the Redeemer held a beautiful service via Zoom for Lara. Please keep Claudia and her boys in your thoughts. **Mary Ellzey Davis, Larkin Mott, Susan Elliott Eastwood, Daisy Bibb Miller Davidson** and **Mary Mullen Brinson '87** have all had fathers pass away over the last few mos. Their stories of their times with their dads are truly inspirational. Please keep them in your thoughts and prayers. Ladies, I'd like to remind you that the last round of news I requested from you were written up as notes but due to this virus, the logistics of trying to get a

magazine put together and printed was not possible. If you missed the email from the College about this, you can find my last round of notes on Randolph's website in the alumni section. I'd also like to say just how freaking awesome the ladies of 86 are! I am truly blessed to call you my sisters and friends; from the 141 ladies and our monthly Zooms and daily text chains to those I hear from and catch up with through messages, texts, and emails. No matter where we are or what we are doing, the class of 86 remains connected in so many ways and can pick up right where we left off the last time we were together! Until then stay healthy and safe and cheers to a better 2021!

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To the surprise of no one, 2020 was not the retirement year **Denise Elliott Cooper** and family hoped for but they're making it work. Her kids are doing virtual school, and hockey is on hold, so they're filling their time with walking, biking, cooking, art projects, and family games. Denise's kids don't hate being home from school, but they definitely don't want her to home school them in the future! The family has taken daughter Claudia's school pledge to heart: "I promise to be responsible, respectful, safe and kind." The Coopers remain optimistic for 2021 and wish everyone good health and safety. Denise, I couldn't have said it any better myself and I hope that we can all take Claudia's school pledge to heart! Following up on the last set of notes, **Laurel Westly** finished her Marie Kondo project (there is a clever disguise of clutter on most surfaces, but her sock drawer and even the junk drawer spark joy!) Daughter Mara has started middle school (upstairs). Laurel has almost finished book 6 in the Outlander series, and is now trying a 1,000-piece puzzle. She's been on many dog walks, and also been able to keep up with her patients, friends and Girl Scouts using various digital platforms. She is looking forward to 2021 and hoping everyone has stayed safe and sane this year. **Alecia Sanders Gray** is working from home as a professional academic advisor for Psychology department at the Univ. of MT. Almost daily, she reflects on her R-MWC experience and the friends she made. Husband BJ is in CA on a

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term (temporary) position with the Forest Service. Alecia's grateful for son Ben's 5th grade online school option so that their circle is tiny during the COVID pandemic. Ben routinely plays video games while chatting on the phone with friends in their own homes, and Alecia's singing with her former community choir from Kansas (because they are doing remote rehearsals). The newest excitement is that she purchased a Pampered Chef Air Fryer for her birthday/Christmas and it has settings for air fry (duh), dehydrate, rotisserie, roast, bake... she made homemade beef jerky the other day and feels quite accomplished. Next up: samosas! [From Jen - I too bought a pandemic air fryer (**Heather Bradley Benza**, you inspired me) and love it but can only dream of dehydrating fruit with mine] **Penelope Porter Doss '17** (we claimed her first) reports that her pandemic year has been uneventful. Her daughter came home from college for spring break and was home until August. It was truly wonderful to have their only child all to themselves again. Penelope and her husband are both "exempt workers" (construction and higher ed) so they never experienced the work from home seclusion that so many have. They opted not to go on vacation and instead bought a big swimming pool and designed a long overdue "oasis of laziness" in their backyard. They built a greenhouse and had a very successful gardening season, helped by the frequent torrential rains in VA this year. She has watched a lot of Netflix and started rereading her Stephen King collection. **Gigi Good Majors** is blessed to be able to work from home. Son Cameron is doing virtual school. Special and heartfelt appreciation to all the teachers! What a school year and a crazy year for us all. Gigi and her family took a trip to Disney World in October. It was Cameron's first trip to Disney and Gigi hadn't been since 1983. They loved Animal Kingdom and the Star Wars rides were very cool. **Emily Bentzen** taught fully virtually for both the high school and college until Nov. 9 when the high school went back to in-person hybrid instruction. That lasted for 10 days when they went back to virtual, thank goodness. **Genia Livings Welburn** and Emily get together over FaceTime every two wks. for our book club. So far they've read *The Measure of Our Success* by Marian Wright Edelman, *To Hell with the Hustle* by Jefferson Bethke, *Becoming* by Michelle Obama and *Walking Across Egypt* by Clyde Edgerton. Lastly from Jen: Thank you to all of you for all of your updates. I couldn't create the class notes without you. I hope that everyone is in good health and safe and that in 2021 we all have more adventures and stories to share!

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We're leaving aside the themed updates this time and going with the standard. I'm still living in Charlottesville and bought my first house with husband Luke. We have both worked from home the majority of this year and used the extra time to spoil Roger, our miniature schnauzer. I spent a week in NC with **Tara Towler Guida** while she recovered from surgery. Tara is doing so much better and is fully on the road to recovery. **Nicole Raymond Milligan's** school district has been on entire distance learning since March. It's both harder and going better than she expected. They made a candy chute for the 5 kiddos on her cul-de-sac for Halloween. It was a ton of fun and she already wants to make an improved chute next year. During Shelter-in-Place, she has discovered new authors she enjoys reading and tried her hand at latch hooking a rug. It turns out she doesn't love latch hook and is having a hard time finishing the project. By the time it's done she's pretty sure her youngest son will have outgrown Minecraft. Otherwise, all family members are healthy, present, and accounted for so they are very blessed. **Leah Glasmire Campion** offered two lies and a truth - her daughter is a dance major in college, she's pregnant, and she's starting a belly dancing class. Whatever is truth or lie, we wish her the best in her new endeavor! **Eliza Parker** is still in Austin TX, and learning ASL. She continues to grow her business (<https://consciousbaby.com>). The hottest topic lately is helping babies and toddlers process their birth experience and witnessing incredible, heart-warming results in parent-child relationships, sleep difficulties, and behavior challenges. **Destiny French Just** is still in Loveland OH, and still editing physics. Raising 3 great kids who try her patience and make her swoon with pride. You can keep up with her adventures on Facebook. **Robin Solovey Fisher** is still in Charlottesville

and loving the life that they have built there over 13 yrs. She's aged significantly since March 13, 2020; wrinkles and a lot of gray hair! Still at UVA and kids are thriving as best as they can. **Kerry Fellers Draper** is still living in England and working as an architectural historian and heritage consultant for a conservation architecture practice in Cambridge and London. One of her latest projects is a conservation management plan for Hardwick Hall, an Elizabethan country house in Derbyshire. Writing about its history, construction, significance and then issues and policies for its future management, care, and conservation. Sevrin is now 16 and Logan 13, and happy to be going to school while they are in the midst of a second national lockdown. She's just trying to not gain a million pounds and follow some excellent advice shared by Sev's teacher to her students: "Dress for the social life you want, not the social life you have." This is my challenge every day. **Anne Rhys Long** is still in NC, practicing vet med, which has not slowed at all because of COVID. Daughter Alison is 10 and managing remote learning well so far. Outside work, she is the Girl Scout troop leader and is taking classes to start showing her Border Terrier soon. **Megan Smith Burtch** has had one heck of a year. "What can you say about 2020? It has not been glamorous for our family, but it has been a roller coaster! We've dealt with the global pandemic, virtual schooling and lots of family togetherness. We've binge watched all of Netflix and Disney+, along with the rest of the planet. But 2020 has also given our family lots of other adventures! Puberty hitting for all three of our children at the same time has been a sheer delight that nothing can prepare you for adequately. Several broken bones and medical issues have also been fun to navigate. But truly the highlight of our year was being struck by lightning as a family. As we travelled to Nags Head this summer for our pandemic vacation, our car took a direct hit from a bolt of lightning, as we were crossing over a bridge. Loads of fun! Looking forward to our next adventure." **Alison Wood Drain** has been working from home with two dogs, Bobo and Paisley, daughter Isabel, and husband Drew. During zoom calls, Isabel entertains Alison's colleagues with comments about the dogs barking and her desire for popsicles. Isabel has been able to go back to school two days a wk. recently while Drew and Alison continue to work from home. The dogs are still barking, but there are more popsicles by the end of the week. Alison is looking forward to colder weather in order to wear big sweaters to cover up some stress eating but is also very proud that she is bench pressing and deadlifting more and more each wk. with her fabulous trainer that she FaceTimes with while working out in the basement gym. Life has changed, but Alison and



Heather Crate '08 and Jennie Crate '06 adopted their younger son Finnigan on 11/20 after 2.5 years of foster care.

family adapt mostly. Sometimes there is a glass or two of wine involved. What matters most is that Alison, Drew, and Isabel walk to the bus stop while holding hands and smiling.

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Margaret (Johnson) Grubb-Hassett is excited to share she completed her licensure and is now

a licensed professional counselor in the state of VA. **Jackie Savage** is very excited to announce the arrival of her son, Hunter Savage Marzuki. He was born September 12 weighing 9 lbs 2oz. Hunter is a very relaxed baby who sleeps like a champ and mom and dad feel extremely blessed. Of note, Hunter won their apartment's Halloween Costume Contest with his udder-ly legend-dairy cow outfit. So, he's basically famous. **Meghann King** shares she and her husband welcomed Wren Elizabeth King on June 18th in Ketchikan, AK making their family a party of five with Wren joining her older brother and sister. **Kerri Bond** shares she and her children adopted three kittens this spring. They are named after women soccer players: Abby, Mia, and Rapinoe. They have been the perfect antidote to the quarantine blues! I am happy to share our family grew during 2020 as well with the addition of our son Ephraim Morris Schinault born on August 27th weighing 5lbs 14oz. After a little bit of an early arrival, he is packing on the pounds and thoroughly upending our quiet home. We are happy and blessed.

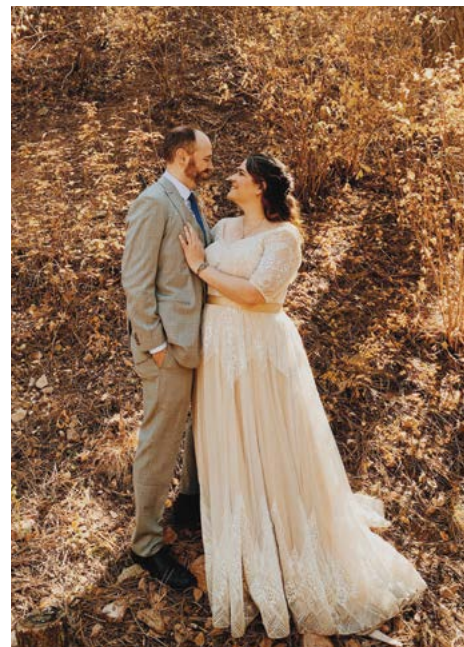
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As always, it's great to hear from you all with your updates. I know things are likely stressful and so different during this pandemic but know that I am thinking of all of you. Unfortunately for me, I had COVID-19 in November and got pretty sick



Kathleen Conti '11 at her remote wedding

with pneumonia for a while. Luckily, I was able to recover at home with little issue. I hope you all are staying healthy. **Jennie Crate '06** and I adopted our youngest son after 2.5 yrs. of foster care. Finnigan Michael Macon Crate officially became a part of the family on 11/20. **Dani Hansen** continues to work for the Southern Nevada Health District and recently accepted the role of contact tracer supervisor. Her responsibilities include overseeing COVID case investigations and planning community testing events. Congratulations to **Sandy Snow** and her wife Brittany who welcomed baby Macon Alexander Snow, born 12/1/20, 1:58am, 9lbs 5.6 oz, 20.32". Everyone is recovering well. Looking forward to connecting with you all soon!

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Greetings, classmates – I really appreciated hearing from everyone who submitted news, thank you so much. **Jose Lorenzo Alvarez** has been on the frontlines of COVID-19 with his position at The Jewish Home Family nursing

facility since March, "putting up isolation units and trying to bring comfort to the elders of our retirement home." He's been largely working and playing Destiny 2, meaning no one is risking illness to hang out. Thank you for your contributions, Lorenzo! It was lovely to hear from **Aneliese Apala Flaherty**! She and her spouse recently purchased their first house around the corner from their current residence, and plan to update their address soon. **Kathleen Conti** started a new job as a senior architectural historian at EBI Consulting in June. While the company is based in Boston, Kathleen's position is remote, and she'll continue to live in Austin while finishing her PhD. In October, she and Matthew Powers eloped in New Mexico. Since family and friends could not be present due to the pandemic, they compiled a video message for them to watch after the ceremony, including ones from Doug Shedd, John d'Entremont, Kathleen Placidi, **Reena Singh '10**, Aneliese Apala Flaherty, **Kate Allen**, **Misa Mendez '13**, and **Megan Davison '13**. **Laura Harris** has been up to a lot in the last 12 yrs.! Circus acrobat, chemistry professional, dog mom, and new homeowner, Laura has recently launched Inked Empress Fiber Arts, where she does small

batch independent yarn dyeing. Crafty friends check it out! **Raquel Cruz**, husband Ben, and cat Churro moved into a rental house this year - just in time for Raquel's job to permanently shift into "work from home" status. With no commute, she can now focus on things like working through Capcom's Ace Attorney video game series and getting better at baking (current best bake: cranberry white chocolate scones). I wish you continued good health and wellbeing. Vita abundantior!

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I hope you and your families have been well during this unprecedented time we are in. As a class, we have been helping the community and reaching new career milestones. **Andreya Samuel** started

volunteering at the Carolina Waterfowl Rescue as an animal caretaker in July. **Cindy Ferguson** became the director for the Center for Community Engagement and Bonner Leader Program at the University of Lynchburg - connecting all faculty, staff, and students to community-engaged learning opportunities with non-profit agencies. **Millie Olivia Symns** has recently co-authored and published an academic paper in the Journal of College Student Retention: Research, Theory & Practice. Millie also started a new job as the Data & Insights Analyst at IBM in their corporate social responsibility unit in education initiatives. Lastly, congratulations to **Kate West-Hazelwood** and **Seth Dorman '15** who eloped on Cole Mountain on June 24, 2020.

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ALUM SPOTLIGHT

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ALUMNAE ACHIEVEMENT

Awards

This summer, four outstanding graduates will receive one of the College's highest honors, the Alumnae Achievement Award. This year, winners from 2020 and 2021 will be honored during a virtual ceremony on June 3. The winners include Louisa Branscomb '71, Jennifer Sullivan Hubbard '95, Elizabeth Owen '91, and Katy WorriLOW '80.

The awards are given each year to alumnae who personify the value of a liberal arts education.

Louisa Branscomb '71

In addition to a long career in clinical psychology, Louisa Branscomb has gained wide acclaim for her songwriting. She's often combined the two, using music to help people overcome life's challenges.

After graduating from the College in 1971, she earned a master's in science communication from Wake Forest University. At the age of 23, she

became the youngest member of the faculty at the university's Bowman Gray School of Medicine.

Before returning to school to earn a Ph.D. in clinical psychology from Georgia State University, she fronted a band, Boot Hill, for most of the 1970s, playing banjo, writing music, and producing albums.



**Louisa
Branscomb '71**

Eventually pursuing parallel careers in music and psychology—with a focus on victims of trauma and combat veterans—Branscomb became interested in how creativity can change lives. She's worked over the years to evolve her model of transformational psychology, which focuses on life as art.

Branscomb founded the Woodsong Farm Writer's Retreat,

based at her farm in North Georgia, and also established the nonprofit ScreenDoor Songwriter Alliance. The group brings programming to children in schools and has hosted festivals where they can perform.

In 2017, the International Bluegrass Music Association awarded her its Distinguished Achievement Award.

During her professional career, she's recorded 12 albums of mostly original songs. Her songwriting has brought her national recognition, including Grammy cuts on albums by Alison Krauss and John Denver, membership in the Alabama and Atlanta music halls of fame, and a Lifetime Achievement Award in Georgia.

Currently, she's still leading the ScreenDoor Songwriter Alliance while teaching internationally through Zoom and in retreats at her home in Asheville, North Carolina.

The 2021 Alumnae Achievement Award Celebration will be held online June 3 from 5-6 p.m.
To register, visit www.randolphcollege.edu/association/awards/

Jennifer Sullivan Hubbard '95

When Jennifer Hubbard lost her daughter, Catherine, during the shooting at Sandy Hook Elementary School in 2012, she found a way to turn unimaginable grief into a place of healing for not only her family, but an entire community.

In Catherine's obituary, Hubbard requested donations be made to a local animal shelter in lieu of flowers, a nod to her daughter's love for all creatures. She was unaware the shelter didn't have its own building or any place to call home.



Jennifer Sullivan Hubbard '95

When more than \$175,000 came in, Hubbard and her husband, Matt, founded the Catherine Violet Hubbard Foundation to work toward the creation of the Catherine Violet Hubbard Animal Sanctuary in Newtown.

The 34-acre site currently includes community and pollinator gardens, an apiary, a pavilion, and a renovated barn, with plans for the eventual construction of a new main building and veterinary clinic.

In the meantime, Hubbard has opened the sanctuary's meadows, woodlands, and trails to the public.

The foundation has become an integral part of the community, holding monthly education workshops and an annual event dedicated to finding homes for shelter animals.

In 2014, a shelter medicine scholarship was established in Catherine's memory at Cornell University's College of Veterinary Medicine.

The sanctuary launched in-school programming with the Newtown Public School System to provide Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (STEM) programming in 2017, the same year Jennifer and Matt Hubbard received the Animal Champions Tribute Award from the Helen Woodward Animal Center in California.

The sanctuary has also launched the Senior Paw Project, which has become a model for local and state agencies in improving the mental and social well-being of older adults.

Hubbard wrote about her journey in *Finding Sanctuary: How the Wild Work of Peace Restored the Heart of a Sandy Hook Mother*, which will be released in April.

Elizabeth Owen '91

Elizabeth Owen's life as a journalist has centered on educating the public on little-known parts of the world.

Owen, who has a master's degree in international relations from Tufts University's Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy, began her career in Moscow, where she wrote for *The Moscow Tribune* and *The Moscow Times*.

In the mid-1990s, she returned to the United States, working as a daily news



Elizabeth Owen '91

writer and, eventually, website producer for *TIME Magazine Online*. She later worked as a senior producer for interactive projects for the PBS affiliate Thirteen/WNET, where she was recognized with a Columbia University School of Journalism/Online News Association Best Service Journalism Site Award and an Eppy Award for Best Internet News Feature.

Owen went back overseas, to Tbilisi, Georgia, in 2004 to work as a regional news editor for EurasiaNet.org. In 2006, she was an Online News Association Finalist for Best Specialty Journalism. A year later, Owen produced a piece about Kyrgyzstan that was recognized as an *Editor & Publisher* Best News Special Feature.

Owen has worked and studied in Russian and French, in addition to learning the difficult Georgian language.

She left Tbilisi for Prague in 2018, and is currently working as the English editor for Current Time TV, a Russian-language TV and digital network.

Katy Colonna Worrilow '80

Katy Colonna Worrilow's passion for solving medical problems has defined her career.

Worrilow, who studied biology and mathematics at the College, earned her doctorate in anatomy and cell physiology at the University of Virginia School of Medicine. She went on to further her research and complete her postdoctoral fellowship in reproductive physiology and infertility at the University of Pennsylvania School of Medicine.



Katy Colonna Worrilow '80

For most of her career, she was a clinical provider of in vitro fertilization (IVF) and directed the IVF and andrology laboratories for several leading programs in Pennsylvania.

In 2010, she started her own company, LifeAire Systems, to address air quality issues in IVF labs. She and her team designed an in-duct air purification system designed to remove all airborne chemicals and biological pathogens, leading to improved success with patients.

LifeAire's original system can also be used to prevent the airborne spread of infection. In addition to being installed in more than 50 leading IVF programs in the U.S., the system is being used in operating rooms, ICUs and NICUs, and critical care areas in hospitals and long-term care facilities.

When the COVID-19 pandemic began, Worrilow created a series of new products, including a portable system to sterilize N95 masks for safe reuse.

LifeAire was engaged by the White House COVID Task Force and was recently recognized by Pennsylvania Governor Tom Wolf for the company's ability to pivot and use its technology to fight the pandemic.

Worrilow has been recognized with the American Society for Reproductive Medicine's Star Award several times and is a past Entrepreneur of the Year, awarded by the Lehigh Valley Economic Development Corporation.

■ 2021-2024 SLATE OF OFFICERS

Term dates July 1, 2021 - June 30, 2024



PRESIDENT

Katie Stewart Page '08

Occupation: Midwife, Centra Medical Group Women's Center, Lynchburg, VA

Association Positions: Chair of Nominating, Class Agent, Nominating Committee Member, AAR, Women in Science Panelist, Chair of AARs, Reunion Class Committee, Chapter Volunteer, Chair of Alumnae Friends Program



SECRETARY

Lauren Emory '04

Occupation: Teacher (department head): Dual enrollment literature and composition, webmaster and social media coordinator; Bethel High School, Hampton, VA

Association Positions: Reunion Class Committee, Class Secretary, AAR



DISTRICT DIRECTOR-4

Tarika Sethi '04

Occupation: Chief Instructor, OSA Fairfax, VA

Association Positions: Chapter Contact, College Fair representative, Reunion Class Committee, AAR, mentor, athletics support, Pan World Club support



DISTRICT DIRECTOR-7

Michelle LeFloch Fernandez '97

Occupation: Aviator, Million Air FBO (catering to general aviation, private jets, and charter air travel)

Association Positions: Chapter volunteer, Chapter contact, Adopt-A-Student campaign



DISTRICT DIRECTOR-9

Diana Mitchell Smith '77

Occupation: Community Volunteer

Association Positions: Chapter contact, District Director, Reunion Class committee, Class Secretary, Alumnae Technology Advisory Council, CDC Network, AAR, Chapter President



MEMBER-AT-LARGE

Adrianna Ouellette Rivera '07

Occupation: Chief Development Officer Boys & Girls Clubs of Southeast Virginia

Association Positions: Adopt-A-Student campaign

ASSOCIATION OFFICIAL BALLOT

Ballots must be postmarked no later than May 1, 2021

Association Board Nominees

To vote for the entire slate, please check here ☐

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Katie Stewart Page '08

SECRETARY ☐

Lauren Emory '04

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Tarika Sethi '04

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Michelle LeFloch Fernandez '97

DISTRICT DIRECTOR-9 ☐

Diana Mitchell Smith '77

MEMBER-AT-LARGE ☐

Adrianna Ouellette Rivera '07

Only official ballots will be accepted. Only alumnae and alumni may vote, and only one vote will be counted.

Mail: Please mark and mail your official ballot to the Office of Alumnae and Alumni Relations, Randolph College, 2500 Rivermont Avenue, Lynchburg, VA 24503-1526

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Your signature, name, and class year are required for this ballot to be valid. If this ballot is signed, but no direction is given, the ballot will indicate approval of the slate as presented.

Alumna/Alumnus Signature

Name and Class Year (please print first, middle/maiden, last)

NOMINATIONS FOR ASSOCIATION OFFICERS

Please nominate alumnae and alumni to fill the following:

- All terms are three years, beginning July 1, 2022, through June 30, 2025
- Self-nominations are encouraged

Second Vice President: In partnership with the Office of Alumnae and Alumni, this position is responsible for Leadership Council and Reunion programs.

Representative to the Board of Trustees: Serves as a liaison between the Association and the Board of Trustees.

Member-at-Large, Communications: Provides leadership for special projects designated by the Board of Directors.

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District 2 (DE, MD, PA, DC)

District 5 (NC, SC)

District 10 (AZ, CA, CO, NE, NM, OR, UT, WA)

WHY I GIVE

Meg Green Maguire '65

Editor's note: In the last issue of the magazine, the Why I Give feature inadvertently used the name Meg Green Maguire '65 with the story and photo of Martha (Miff) McLeod '76. We apologize for the confusion. Please see McLeod's story on page 40.

Tell us a little about your life today.

My husband and I are retired, but we are as busy as ever. I am a trustee with the Committee of 100 on the Federal City, a 97-year-old planning advocacy organization for comprehensive planning issues including housing, transportation, parks and environment, zoning, and historic preservation. I am also very active in the First Congregational United Church of Christ, at Metro Center in DC.

A year ago, we moved from our townhouse on beloved Capitol Hill to The Westchester, an Art Deco co-op near the National Cathedral. We are still dealing with boxes and decisions on hundreds of tangible photographs and memorabilia of a lifetime. (What will become of all the pictures now locked in computers when this generation of technology passes??)

We are deeply grateful for our many friends and family members and for meaningful work.

What is your fondest memory from the College?

One of my fondest memories is working on FOCUS, a campus-wide symposium with a

number of guest speakers, with Patsy Derby '63 . . . A real intellectual high.

The top memory is probably the year that I substituted for professor Shirley Strickland while she was on sabbatical. I taught several sociology courses, assigned far too many papers, and stayed up many nights trying to comment and grade them. At the end of that year, I married my first husband in a beautiful wedding in Mary's Garden complete with harpsichord, violin, and a mockingbird who commented during the silent prayer. While the marriage didn't last, I still feel warm memories of the occasion at my alma mater.

What was your favorite tradition?

I wasn't much of a traditionalist but did enjoy singing the lovely College songs and the academic processions on special occasions.

Why do you support the College with a planned gift?

Randolph College provides the best education possible with its small classes, close faculty-student relationships, strong sense of community, emphasis on critical thinking and

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Why is it important for people to give to Randolph?

Supporting Randolph—the extraordinary leadership of Brad Bateman, the brilliant faculty and excellent staff, the well-tended campus and beautiful buildings—is a high-yield investment with benefits and consequences beyond our knowing. As the College implements its future on the cutting edge, more equipment, facilities and scholarships are a necessity. This is what our contributions make possible.

What advice would you give to a new graduate?

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Phebe Williamson Wescott '78

Johnny Guess '21

Kary and John Guess

Teresa Harris '80

Shahriar Abbassi

Susan Heath '79

Kathryn Heath Graves '76

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Farah Marks

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Anne McBride '78

Susan Nowlin Schaller '81

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Bruce Koolage Forsberg '56

Adele Michal '74

Pat Fitzhugh Michal '48

Dana Murphy '89

Susan Neal Price '89

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Nancie Roop Kennedy '62

Ethan Nilsen '22

Melissa M. Nilsen

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Raquel Cruz '11

Catherine Graves Oechsler '69

Linda Babcock Sorber '69

Sandy Worth Page '72

Debbie Carson '72

Nathanael Peverill '20

Susan E. Murray

Nancy Williams Phillips '87

John S. Phillips

Eugenia Summers Phillips '49

Nancy Williams Phillips '87

Lorraine Blanks Potter '75

Mitchell Rodhe

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Marta M. Powers

Marianne Stafford Ramsey

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 Susan Neal Price '89
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 John Sakolosky
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 Sandy Worth Page '72
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Harriet Wyche Scott '57
 Barbara Page Chavatel '57
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Doug Shedd
 Genevieve Neale '93
Dr. Gerry Sherayko
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MCD Shields '83
 Penne Smith Sandbeck '83
Noah Shockley
 Susie and Greg Shockley
Bessie Snead HA
 Jennifer Smith Dollins '66
Schuyler Godsey Somers '08
 Tabby's Bartending, LLC
Laura-Gray Street
 Hannah Cohen '15
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 Gary and Liz Dop
Lisa Clor Sutton '75
 Marsha Taylor Pepper '75
Nancy Forsyth Sykes '98
 Beverly Hopkins
Klawa Thresher
 Kathleen Conti '11
Jane Neblett Tims '68
 Ellen James Ramsburgh '68
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 Elizabeth Trevino Mosesman '83
Maria Vazquez-Castro
 Lourdes Cuellar '04
Diane Matthews Walker '74
 Penelope Turpin Clarke '70
Jia Wan
 Emad Davis '19
Ann Hepburn Webb '84
 William Webb
Phebe Williamson Wescott '78
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 Kate Capps '78
Mitch Wesolowski
 Anonymous
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Virginia Hill Worden '69
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 Ann Sharpe Mason '54

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 Julie Anderson Brennan '79
 Lisa Anderson-Lloyd '76
Laura Beatty Anthony '87 and David Anthony
 Kate Capps '78
 Deborah Anthony Dodge '71
Lucile Yancey Barkley '30
 William Y. Barkley
Nancy Harris Berry '59
 Emilie Laney Townsend '59
Nancy Craig Blackburn '71
 Julie Huston Ellis '71
 Gail Egan Niermeyer '71
Susan Bird Blanchard '59
 Katie Franklin Long '59
Candy Bond
 Jackie Savage '06
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 Barbara Bromfield Kiker '74
John Sterling Brown
 Jane Wommack Brown '73
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 Cheryl Abernathy '70
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 Ann Cathey '60
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 Betty Sturdivant Turner '56
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 Nancie Newkirk Loppnow '69
Martha Sydnor Coffman '51
 Joyce Sullivan Ey '51
David Cornelius
 Elizabeth Bruner Suna '68
Helen and David Crighton
 Elizabeth Crighton '67
Virginia Whitener Crowe 1916
 Randel A. Crowe
Muriel Dahlgard
 Leslie Hoge '79
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 Joy Hanna Sugg '59
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 Hank Hubbard
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Kimberly Hegg '84
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 Caroline Hester Loken '63
Nancy Flippen Holloway '71
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 Kris Irwin
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Jean Beryl Martin
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 Susanne Terry
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 Rinn Turner Addison '71
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 Martha Weaver Marshall '74
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Helga Nehr Korn
 Lorraine Gutermuth Bennett '68
Dorothy Lipps Nelson '90
 Kimberly Wornom Hicks '90
Anne Tyler Netick '55
 Nancy Meintzer Rice '55
Joyce Harris Ockerman '48
 Mary Ann Holmes Cortright '48
Ann Montague Ours '58
 Norma Halmagyi Hanson '58
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 Leontine Thomson '69
Margaret Pertzoff
 Carolyn Coakley '70
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Martha Stickland Betts '68
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Mary Alice Potts Rhoads '66
Joy Thomas '87
Robyn Smith '87
Wanda Whitney '86
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Farah Marks
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Lyndon Whitmore '76
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Ida Welsh '77
Cynthia Harter Young '76
Douglas Young

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1943	Clementina Ransom Louis	10/25/2020
1943	Helen Strong Saunders	11/29/2020
1943	Margaret Banks Kehrer	1/1/2021
1944	Florence Ridley Ridley	1/16/2021
1947	Flo Neher Traywick	12/8/2020
1947	Dorothy Whiting Ford	12/16/2020
1948	Dorothy Johnson Lee	11/1/2020
1949	Jane Reed Pope	10/28/2020
1949	Marcia Payne Lunka	12/6/2020
1950	Ella Graham Massie Marks	10/14/2020
1950	MaryPenn Drinkard Key	10/19/2020
1950	Anne Davison Lewis	11/12/2020
1950	Mary Sue Barron Stock	11/24/2020
1950	Virginia Porter Siems	1/2/2021
1951	Jeanne Michell Seiberling	1/14/2021
1952	Audrey Kyle Wright	10/2/2020
1952	Elizabeth Caldwell Robinson	12/13/2020
1952	Jane Willingham Weems	12/14/2020

1954	Beverly Bintliff Arnold	10/1/2020
1955	Mary Bernard Pace	11/7/2020
1955	Anne Tyler Netick	12/7/2020
1955	Mildred Hill Hickson	1/12/2021
1956	Mariann Buck Lynch	12/31/2020
1957	Jocelyn Hill Dickson	12/17/2020
1957	Katherine Crone Cline	12/21/2020
1957	Donna Klinner Talbot	12/21/2020
1958	Betty Dan Nicholas Spencer	12/13/2020
1958	Barbara Crowder Schwan	1/6/2021
1959	Margaret Howard Drubig	10/2020
1959	Mary McIntyre Reynolds	1/12/2021
1960	Regina Trice Hawkins	10/6/2020
1960	Dorothy Wei Green	11/1/2020
1961	Mary Bentley Abu-Saba	10/30/2020
1962	Lucy Mitchell Bunting	11/16/2020
1966	Mary Lou Snyder Ray	1/2/2021
1969	Elizabeth McCune Hamrick	9/28/2020
1970	Page Hargrave Peyser	10/2/2020
1972	Deborah Sanford Knight	1/8/2021
1976	Cynthia Harter Young	9/27/2020
1980	Valerie Horne	12/23/2020
1987	Joy Thomas	10/22/2020

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1948	Spouse of Mary Jean Wellford Lindner	
	Thaddeus A. Lindner	12/7/2020
1953	Spouse of Karin Vetter Mott	
	Charles J. Mott	11/8/2020
1955	Spouse of Nancy Meintzer Rice	
	Robert Coleman Rice, Jr.	10/17/2020
1964	Spouse of Louise Fitzpatrick Turner	
	Randolph L. Turner, Jr.	11/2/2020
1969	Sister of Jinny Voris Batterson	
	Sally Ann Voris	10/2/2020
1980	Father of Martie Edmunds Zakas	
	Richard Edmunds	12/19/2020
1986	Father of Mary Ellzey Davis	
	Robert Ellzey	10/28/2020
1992	Mother of Amelie Dickson Delzer	
	Jocelyn Hill Dickson	12/17/2020
1998	Mother of Courtney Hamrick Blackwell	
	Elizabeth McCune Hamrick	9/28/2020
2002	Father of Whitney Hutchens	
	Richard Charles Hutchens	12/4/2020





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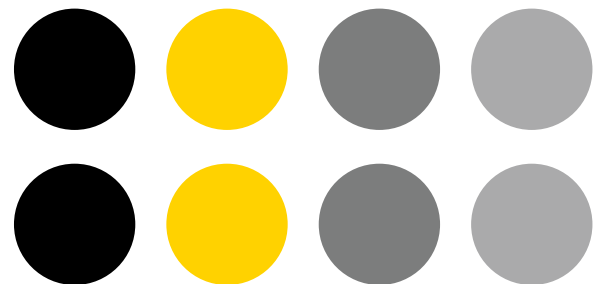
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