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created a special mandala for the community.

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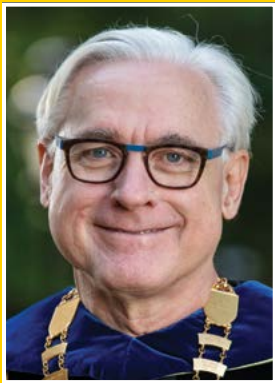
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AROUND RANDOLPH

FROM THE PRESIDENT



If there is one thing we have learned to do recently, it is to expect the unexpected. Like everyone else around the nation, we had hoped COVID-19 would have been a distant memory by the start of this academic year. Unfortunately, this was not the case.

Yet despite the ongoing challenges brought by this pandemic, our community continues to work together to ensure that our students have the best possible experience.

Our faculty and staff have worked tirelessly

alongside our students to ensure that everyone is doing whatever is necessary to protect our community and keep classes in person. I am unbelievably proud of everyone here behind the Red Brick Wall.

This fall brought the start of our exciting new curriculum model, TAKE2. Under this model, our students take two classes at a time for seven weeks, with no classes on Wednesdays. It's a unique approach to higher education. In fact, Randolph is the only school in Virginia with this model. The idea is to allow students more time to focus on their coursework and to balance all of the extracurricular experiences that make a well-rounded college education.

Between TAKE2 and having our community all back in person on campus, it has been an exciting fall semester. So many good things are happening here at Randolph, and you will be able to read a sampling of these experiences in this magazine. The lamas came back to campus for the third time to create a beautiful mandala, our students worked tirelessly to produce yet another Greek Play, and our faculty and students continued their unique research projects. In addition, our first-year class is one of the most diverse in recent memory, and our multi-year major renovation to the Michels Athletic Center is now complete with the opening of our newly renovated pool. Our alumnae and alumni also continue to make us proud with news of their accomplishments.

We cannot be sure what exactly the future will bring in terms of the pandemic, but I can assure you that everyone at Randolph will remain focused on our primary mission: providing an excellent liberal arts education to our students. The pandemic has taught us the importance of flexibility and the power that comes from overcoming challenges together. Randolph is in good hands.

Vita abundantior,

Bradley W. Bateman
President

NEWS



Princeton Review recognizes Randolph faculty as among best in nation

Randolph College was once again recognized by The Princeton Review. The College was featured in the 2022 edition of *The Princeton Review's Best 387 Colleges*, which was released in August. To mark the book's 30th anniversary, editors compiled a specially curated selection of "Great Lists," identifying schools that have had the most impressive history of appearances on its ranking lists over the years with honor rolls for categories ranging from financial aid to fire safety. Randolph was the only school in Virginia to appear on the Great Professor Accessibility list and the Green Honor Roll. The College was also singled out in a 2022 *Best Colleges: Region by Region* web feature recognizing academically outstanding colleges.



VFIC honors Ruby Bryant for her dedication to students

Randolph Health Center Director Ruby Bryant recently received the Pandemic Service Award from the Virginia Foundation for Independent Colleges. The statewide recognition honored her commitment to supporting the community in overcoming challenges associated with the COVID-19 pandemic during the 2020-21 academic year. Bryant, who came to Randolph in 2014, is a registered nurse with more than 25 years of nursing experience. She's been an active member of Randolph's COVID-19 Task Force since its formation in March 2020.



Randolph's dual degree students graduate from Washington University

Four Randolph students graduated from Washington University in May as part of the College's dual degree program: Nhut Ming Dang, B.S. in systems science engineering and a masters in engineering management; Najahe Eldridge, B.S. in electrical engineering; Brian Higgins, B.S. in mechanical engineering; and Zach Vernon, B.S. in systems science engineering. This unique opportunity allows Randolph students to major in engineering physics, earning two degrees in the time it normally takes to get one. Students spend three years at Randolph then have the option to apply to an associated engineering school to complete their program over two more years.



Pausic awarded annual Academy of American Poets Prize

Evan Pausic '21, who studied philosophy at Randolph, was awarded the 2021 Charles and Fanny Fay Wood Poetry Prize for his poem, "Towards My Friend, the Moon," in July. The University and College Poetry Prize program started in the 1950s. Today, the Academy of American Poets sponsors more than 200 annual poetry prizes at U.S. colleges and universities, offering students meaningful validation of their work and a \$100 prize.

Randolph announces highest fundraising total since 2018

Randolph College wrapped up the 2020-21 fiscal year on June 30 with the highest Annual Fund total since 2018. More than 2,100 individuals provided over \$2.1 million for the unrestricted Annual Fund, which supports many critical aspects of campus life such as experiential learning, faculty professional development, and campus sustainability projects. Additionally, Randolph received more than \$6.4 million for all funds from 2,352 donors. Student scholarships, capital improvements, academic resources, and more were made possible by these donors.



New program taps into healing powers of nature

Randolph students recently launched Randolph Thrive, a self-navigated program based on research showing that time spent outdoors can reduce stress, anxiety, and depression. Organizers designated spots across campus where students can connect with nature and find stress relief. Signage at each spot explains the program and its purpose, with a QR code linking to a website with suggested activities ranging from yoga tips to guides on cloud watching and tree identification.

Randolph hosts MARCUS Conference

Randolph College hosted the 23rd Annual Mid-Atlantic Regional Conference for Undergraduate Scholarship on Oct. 23. College students throughout Virginia and surrounding states attended the conference, which began in 1999, sharing findings from research or creative projects in all disciplines. The conference included a keynote address given by Sara Beck, an assistant professor of psychology at Randolph.





Jennifer Eberhardt offers special lecture

Social psychologist Jennifer Eberhardt spoke about her 2019 book, *Biased: Uncovering the Hidden Prejudice that Shapes What We See, Think, and Do*, at Randolph in October.

A 2014 recipient of the MacArthur Genius Grant, Eberhardt is one of the world's leading experts on unconscious racial bias and has extensively studied the consequences of the psychological association between race and crime. Her lecture offered a behind-the-scenes look at her research, sharing stories and science to uncover how implicit bias shapes our visual perception, attention, memory, and behavior.

Smith Hall projection system updated with help from grant

A recent upgrade to Randolph College's Smith Hall Theatre projection system was completed with help from a \$6,000 Greater Lynchburg Community Foundation grant. The 800-seat theatre is used for musical, dance, and theatrical performances, lectures, and concerts organized by Randolph faculty and students, in addition to community events.



Student leaders inducted into Omicron Delta Kappa

Randolph College inducted more than 20 students and staff into Omicron Delta Kappa, the National Leadership Honor Society, this fall. Omicron Delta Kappa recognizes superior leadership and exemplary character and encourages collaboration among members across five phases: scholarship, athletics, service, communications, and arts. Founded in 1914 at Washington and Lee University, it honors and develops leaders through scholarships, workshops, career opportunities, leadership resources, and a lifelong connection to other members.



Randolph included in prestigious 'Fiske Guide to Colleges' 2022

Randolph College was once again recognized by the *Fiske Guide to Colleges* as one of the nation's "best and most interesting institutions." The 2022 edition of the guide praised Randolph for offering students "a place to be themselves" while receiving an education tailored to their career goals. The guide also singled out the College's academic programs, close community, rich traditions, and picturesque campus.

 SOCIAL MEDIA SPOTLIGHT



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FACULTY AND STAFF

John Abell

The Carl Stern Chair of Economics

An op-ed written by Abell, titled "Lynchburg's economy was beginning to really take off in 2019. Then 2020 happened," was published by Lynchburg's *The News & Advance* in September. In the piece, Abell wrote about improvements in Lynchburg's poverty rate and the work that still needs to be done in regards to income inequality.

Selda Altan

Assistant Professor of History

Altan presented "A Quest for Chinese Workers: Global Labor Markets in Coolies and the Making of the Chinese Working Class" at the 56th International Conference of Labour and Social History in September. She's also been selected to serve a five-year term on the editorial board of the journal, *International Labor and Working-Class History*.

Mara Amster

The Charles A. Dana Professor of English

Amster recently reviewed Cristina Leon Alfar's *Women and Shakespeare's Cuckoldry Plays: Shifting Narratives of Marital Betrayal* for *Shakespeare Quarterly* and Christine Varnado's *The Shapes of Fancy: Reading for Queer Desire in Early Modern Literature for Renaissance Quarterly*.

Sara Beck

Assistant Professor of Psychology

Beck presented "Let It Go: Children's Interpretation of Song Lyrics in Multimedia Context" at the 2021 Annual Meeting of the International Conference on Music Perception and Cognition this summer. She also published the blog *Don't Just Listen! The Social Benefits of Active Music-Making for Children* for the Center for Scholars & Storytellers, a youth-centered organization that bridges the gap between social science research and media creation, last spring. In September, Beck gave a virtual talk as part of the Cognitive Science of Learning and Development Lecture Series at Vanderbilt University.

Chelsea Berry

Assistant Professor of History

Berry published "Poisoned Relations: Medical Choices and Poison Accusations within Enslaved Communities" in *Medicine and Healing in the Age of Slavery* this fall.

Brad Bullock

The Charles A. Dana Professor of Sociology

Bullock published "A Postnormal Election in Postnormal Times" in a special issue of *World Futures: The Journal of New Paradigm Research*.

Chris Cohen

Assistant Professor of Art

Cohen's art will be featured in the upcoming exhibition, *Homeward Bound, 2021: Juried Triennial*, which opens in December at the Taubman Museum

of Art in Roanoke.

Danielle Currier

Associate Professor of Sociology

Currier sat on two panels at the 2021 Southern Sociological Society meeting—"Teaching Sociological Practice" and "Welcome to Wherever We Are"—and led another, "Navigating a Career with a Lavender Vita."

Jennifer Gauthier

Professor of Media & Culture

Gauthier presented "The Mother, the Goddess, the Convict: Embodied Presence and Social Justice Activism" at the 2021 meeting of the Virginia Social Science Association last spring. She also had numerous articles published over the last year, including four pieces for *Mayday Magazine*; "Virginia Woolf for FCC Chair!" in *The Critical Flame: A Journal of Literature and Culture* and "An Ocean of Knowledge: Vai's Transnational Feminist Alliances" in a special issue of *Feminist Media Studies*.

Jeffery Heinfeldt

Professor of Economics and Business

Heinfeldt co-authored "An Empirical Assessment of Academic Dishonesty Codes" for the *International Journal of Business and Social Science* and "Inventory Methods, Inflation, and Phantom Profits: Liquidity Issues and Pedagogical Opportunities" for *Advances in Financial Education*.

Crystal Howell

Professor of Education

Howell was named president of the American Association for Teaching and Curriculum, a national scholarly society, this fall. She also received the 2021 Francis P. Hunkins Distinguished Article Award in the category of teaching from the *Curriculum Teaching Dialogue* journal. In addition, she presented at the 17th International Congress for Qualitative Inquiry last spring. She and Libba Willcox from Indiana University-Purdue University Indianapolis, presented "Pasta, Pavlova, & Paradigms: Shared Creative Work Experiences (SCRWE) as a Recipe for Meaningful Co-Production." She also discussed "Using Google tools to support composition, feedback, and revision during extended research" during the Central West Virginia Writing Project Reading-Writing Connections Conference last spring.

Kaija Mortensen

Associate Professor of Philosophy

Mortensen received the Gillie A. Larew Distinguished Teaching Award in August. The award is given annually to a faculty member for outstanding teaching. She also published "Knowing How as a Philosophical Hybrid," with co-authors Chad Gonnerman and Jacob Robbins in the journal, *Synthese*, this summer.

Peggy Schimmoeller

The Charles A. Dana Professor of Education

Schimmoeller delivered "Influence of Public Perception

of Dyslexia on Achievement: Young Adults Reflect" at the American Association for Teaching and Curriculum Annual Conference in October.

David Schwartz

Professor of Philosophy and The Mary Frances Williams Chair in Humanities

Schwartz's essay, "European Experiments in Rewilding: Elbe River Biosphere," which shares his observations and experiences at the Elbe River Biosphere Reserve in Germany, was included in the book *Rewilding Earth: Best of 2019*. The anthology, a collection of essays, poetry, and photographs, showcases the most notable articles and art published on Rewilding Earth, the online arm of the Rewilding Institute.

Elizabeth Perry-Sizemore

The Catherine Ehrman Thoresen '23 & William E. Thoresen Chair of Economics

Perry-Sizemore received the Katherine Graves Davidson Award, which is presented to a full-time member of the Randolph faculty who has been outstanding in bringing distinction to the College, in August. She also co-presented "Contemplative Leadership: From Surviving to Thriving" during the American Academic Leadership Institute and Council of Independent Colleges' 2021 Senior Leadership Academy.

Randall Speer

Professor of Music

Speer has once again been invited to conduct in New York's famed Carnegie Hall. This is the third time he has received the honor. In May 2022, Speer will lead the New England Symphonic Ensemble and soloists in performing John Rutter's *The Falcon* as part of MidAmerica Production's 2022 concert season.

Susan Stevens

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

Stevens received the Katherine Graves Davidson Scholarship Award in August. The annual award recognizes the importance of faculty research, scholarship, and achievement.

Laura-Gray Street

Associate Professor of English

Street published several poems in 2020, including "Nearby Super Earth Likely a Diamond Planet" and "The Brink of Bones" in *Fourth River*; and "Storm Season," in *Dear America: Letters from Terrain.org. A Literary Field Guide to Southern Appalachia*, an anthology she co-edited, was also named a finalist for the 2020 Thomas Wolfe Memorial Literary Award.

Karin Warren

The Herzog Family Professor of Environmental Studies and Science

Warren delivered the Virginia Academy of Science (VAS) Sidney S. Negus Lecture at the VAS Spring meeting in May. For the talk, she presented "Assessing and Addressing Community Climate Resilience in Virginia."



CODING

(Left to right) Terrell Rorie '22 and Jaylan Thompson '22 are members of Randolph's esports team and cohost a podcast together.

Internship allows two Randolph students to share passion for coding with young children

Terrell Rorie '22 and Jaylan Thompson '22 recently spent time channeling their inner Mr. Miyagi.

Both interned for Code Ninjas, a program where kids learn to code while building their own video games. As they gain new skills in coding, math, logic, and problem-solving, these students progress from a white to a black belt.

"We see technology and coding as a core component to their success," said Ryan Clark, who worked with Thompson and Rorie at the two Code Ninja centers he runs in Florida. "No matter their goal, technology is ingrained in all we do. It is now a basic requirement for all of society, just like reading, writing, and arithmetic."

Thompson and Rorie mentored more than 200 children, ranging in age from 5 to 15, during a series of weeklong summer camps at the two centers. Thompson operated out of the Fleming Island location, while Rorie took on a leadership role at the then-newly opened Ponte Vedra center.

It amounted to more than 500 hours of instruction and valuable experience for the computer science and math majors. Both are members of Randolph College's esports team and host a podcast together about video games.

"They brought an infectious energy that encouraged their peers and our campers," Clark said. "Along with his prior experience leading a podcast, Jaylan's creativity and energy was a great fit for our music and YouTube camps. Terrell is very intelligent, communicates well, and has strong leadership skills. He led our Ponte Vedra location and built quite a following, teaching our camper ninjas in fun and intuitive ways."

Clark works to identify the strengths of his interns and places them in roles that help cultivate those skills

For Thompson and Rorie, that led to teaching courses in Minecraft modding and Roblox development, storytelling and game building from scratch, LEGO robotics, and how to become a YouTuber.

They found themselves improvising at times, especially when a student mastered a skill quicker than they expected.

"That opened up a lot of new opportunities, when they'd ask us how to code certain things," Rorie said, recalling the time Thompson tasked a camper with creating Marvel superhero Thor's hammer inside Minecraft.

"He figured it out in 45 minutes, with the lightning bolt and everything," Thompson added.

"There were lots of opportunities to really be creative," said Thompson, who plans to go into software development. "And if I didn't know something, Terrell would, or vice versa."

Thompson also created a YouTube video introducing all of the camp's senseis, and together with Rorie filmed a three-hour livestream when the Ponte Vedra location opened.

Rorie, who is interested in cyber security, said he's gained more confidence from working with the students and alongside his fellow interns.

"It was pretty interesting how creative and unique everyone was, and how all of our teaching styles were different," he said.

Code Ninjas recently received feedback from the parents of students who attended camp this summer—and Clark couldn't have been happier with the results.

"They provided overly positive feedback and highlighted how Terrell and Jaylan really made the camps for their children," he said. "Our Ponte Vedra location had a perfect score, meaning all parent feedback was a score of 9 or 10 out of 10. This is directly attributable to Jaylan and Terrell's work and the camp culture they created."

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—Terrell Rorie '22

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WOMEN



Shae Starks '22 (middle) and Karin Warren (right) distribute equipment as part of Virginia Heat Watch.

Randolph participates in statewide project looking at climate vulnerability

Spread across several communities in Virginia, the specially designed routes covered a variety of terrain, from green spaces to industrial areas to neighborhoods. The statewide organizers of the Heat Watch project paid extra attention to locations deemed vulnerable to heat.

In Lynchburg, volunteers—led by Randolph professor Karin Warren and Shae Starks '22—drove the designated routes, while in other areas of the state, they biked and walked them.

No matter the location, the goal was the same: to measure temperature and humidity in various communities on a high heat day.

"An essential piece of resilience planning is understanding how climate risk and vulnerability are experienced in our community," said Warren, Randolph's Herzog Family Professor of Environmental Studies and Science.

Randolph was one of 12 institutions from the Virginia Foundation for Independent Colleges (VFIC) that recently participated in the Virginia Heat Watch project, a collaborative effort to map and analyze where residents are most at-risk during heat waves.

Showing how temperature varies across a city gives stakeholders valuable information that can inform community-based, equitable strategies to address heat vulnerabilities and health risks from

climate change.

Warren was part of the core team that developed the project with the VFIC's research committee and Starks, a chemistry major with a minor in environmental science and analysis, was a natural partner.

"Shae is a great interdisciplinary thinker," Warren said. "She's passionate about the application of climate science to social justice and how that intersects with city planning, addressing what risks exist in our communities, how they're different for different groups, and how we can develop solutions that are equitable."

That's exactly the goal of Virginia Heat Watch, which the VFIC plans to continue for the next two to five years. Previous heat mapping studies have shown that historically red-lined areas in cities are most vulnerable, and they expect similar results from this year's project.

Warren and Starks organized the campaign for Team Lynchburg, which also included participants from other colleges in the area, as part of Randolph's Summer Research Program.

Volunteers used procedures and equipment developed by Portland-based Climate Adaptation and Planning Analytics (CAPA) Strategies for the project. In Lynchburg, thermal sensors were attached to their cars to collect temperature, humidity, and location data at three different times throughout the

day.

Warren drove one of the routes herself, while Starks remained the point person on campus for volunteers.

All of the information was then sent to CAPA Strategies for processing, data Warren and Starks expect to see before the end of the year.

Their work continued in Warren's Climate Dynamics and Global Change class this fall. Starks and her classmates studied the subject and began developing initiatives that could mitigate the health impacts of heat. One strategy involves working with the city to design a prioritized tree planting program in regions of Lynchburg that have a low "tree equity" score and high heat risk.

They also created a Google Site website for the project that was part of their Virginia Heat Watch presentation during the College's annual Mid-Atlantic Regional Conference for Undergraduate Scholarship in October.

For Starks, the entire experience has influenced her future plans.

"I've talked to some professors about this, maybe being an environmental urban planner, where I focus on creating more green spaces or energy use, and how we can be more efficient while using less energy in some buildings," she said.

"It's going to be a long process," Starks said, "but I'm really excited to see it all come to fruition."



WILD AT HEART

Randolph graduate gains valuable experience at wildlife refuge

Rebecca Heidenfelder '21 wrapped up her time as a Randolph College dance student with an ode to felines—*On the Prowl*, a movement study on cats, in the College's Spring Dance Concert.

These days, she's working with a bigger breed of cat through an internship with the Turpentine Creek Wildlife Refuge in the Ozarks of Arkansas.

The refuge rescues lions, tigers, bears,

and other wild animals by shutting down illegal animal rings and providing homes and care to the animals they save.

Heidenfelder, who double majored in biology and dance, wants to be a veterinarian focused on exotic animals.

"I'd like to work at a zoo, which is one of the reasons I'm interning at Turpentine Creek," she said. "I've always had a love for animals, and cats have been very close to my

heart. They're such gorgeous creatures and have an amazing way of moving. Here, I get to work with a lot of carnivores, which is really what I want to do—work with large cats."

She and the other interns take care of the animals—which also includes nine bears, three white tigers, two bobcats, a jaguar, a cougar, and even a hyena—on a rotating schedule.

They clean their habitats, prepare their meals, and scatter feed them, essentially spreading food like oranges, apples, and sweet potatoes around the animals' habitat so they can forage like they would in the wild.

Early on, Heidenfelder helped take care of the bears, who in addition to meat get extra dishes filled with things like dog food, oats, apples, tomatoes, avocado, and even popcorn.

"It's just something to give them more nutrients because they are omnivores, so they don't just eat meat."

Interns are also involved in what they call enrichment, a practice designed to physically and mentally stimulate the animals and enhance their well-being.

"It's basically just to keep them on their toes and encourage them to be active and



Rebecca Heidenfelder '21 trains Aurora, one of the tigers at the Turpentine Creek Wildlife Refuge in Arkansas.

keep them from getting bored," she said. "We'll do different scents, using fresh herbs or kitchen spices. They really love perfume, the smellier the better."

Training the animals is another form of enrichment that also allows staff members to check them for injuries.

The habitats at Turpentine Creek are entirely outside, each with a nighthouse and den.

"In the winter, we'll put mulch in the bottom to make it warmer," said Heidenfelder, whose internship lasts through February. "For some of them, we use donated firehose to make door covers to keep it warmer in there. We also use the firehose in some of our habitats for the smaller cats. It gives them stuff to climb on. We can make hammocks. It looks like a jungle gym and allows them to play and have more places to hide and sleep."

Turpentine Creek has its own hospital on the property, complete with a surgery room and three recovery suites. The veterinarian who treats the animals is even a former intern.

Heidenfelder doesn't work directly with the vet, other than occasionally observing a procedure, but leads tours and answers questions from visitors to the facility.

"I am using a lot of the knowledge I have from Randolph's biology program to explain what some of these animals have gone through," she said. "For example, we have a lot of white tigers here. They are not naturally occurring in the wild. They are strictly man-made. The white gene is recessive so you need two copies to get it, and that means these guys have to go through a lot of inbreeding to exist. I've explained a lot about genetics to people to help them understand."

In the process of applying to vet schools, Heidenfelder said the experience she's getting at the refuge is invaluable.

"In other places, I'd never be in a position to interact with large animals," she said. "I've just always had this passion for it. I'm excited I'm actually getting to work with them now."

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MAKING A

splash

Randolph's pool facility completely revamped as part of MAC renovation

This fall, Randolph is completing its multi-year, multi-million dollar renovation of the Michels Athletic Center with the opening of a newly renovated pool facility.

The new six-lane pool, a \$1.85 million project, was the final stage in the roughly \$7 million total renovation of the athletic center. The project was funded by two leadership gifts, one from an anonymous donor and the other from Mary Michels Scovener '77, for whom the facility is named.

Upgrades to the pool include the installation of a state-of-the-art heating and dehumidification system in addition to new energy-efficient windows, LED lighting, a six-lane scoring system, and starting blocks.

The tile floor in the pool and around the pool deck was removed in favor of a new poured floor, and a new ceiling and additional insulation were installed.

"This is a new beginning for Randolph's swim teams and athletes," said Molly McNair '23, a member of the team since her first year at the College. "I think it will help greatly with motivation and push us forward in our training."



a story- driven approach

Emilie Bryant '22 connects
communities through museum work

Emilie Bryant '22 recently had a front row seat to what she called an exciting new frontier for many museums.

"Museums are changing in a fascinating way," she said, noting how many have previously relied on labels alone to inform visitors. "Online or digital features have become a necessary component for exhibits, especially since the onset of COVID-19. Museums needed to make their exhibits and objects available online due to closures, and they needed to do it quickly."

Bryant, a museum and heritage studies major, saw that firsthand when she interned virtually with the New Mexico History Museum. The experience, which will most likely be offered in person moving forward, is a new opportunity for Randolph students, sponsored by Lauren Eaton Prescott '69.

The museum already offered online components prior to the pandemic, including an interactive 3D walkthrough of the entire museum.

"They believe that options are essential and that in-depth information about an object should always be available for visitors if they want it," Bryant said. "That's exciting for a student like me because I love to research, and I love making a labyrinth of connections within multiple disciplines."



During her internship, Bryant was tasked with researching the Santa Fe Indian Market, which celebrates its 100th year in 2022. She also curated an online, interactive timeline that will be included in a larger exhibition that opens in July 2022.

"Emilie was an absolute joy to work with," said Cathy Notarnicola, the museum's curator of southwest history. "She is an extremely bright, talented, and self-motivated intern and was able to hit the ground running. She was instrumental in moving the project forward and has a very promising future in the field of academics and in the museum profession."

Bryant is also gaining valuable experience at Randolph, where she's a regular fixture at The Maier Museum of Art at Randolph College.

In addition to volunteering, she organized the public art project, Yarning for Unity, last year.

More recently, she created interpretive materials for the Maier

exhibition *Beyond the Sound: In Memory of Sandra Whitehead*. Currently on display in the front lobby, it features work on loan from the collection of the Honorable Paul Whitehead, Jr.

Whitehead supports an annual Maier lecture series in memory of his late wife, Sandra Whitehead, who was one of the first docents at the Maier.

The work tapped into Bryant's passion for storytelling. She consulted an extensive collection of art books donated by the Whiteheads to the College, sought outside sources when necessary, and also interviewed Whitehead by phone, talking about both the art and his late wife.

"It was clear how much the exhibit would mean to him to have it in her name," said Bryant, who also designed a website for the exhibition. "I had to make sure that the focus was not just on the art but also the history of the artwork and, most importantly, the history of its owners. Approaching my

research with story-driven and person-centered perspectives has always been my desire."

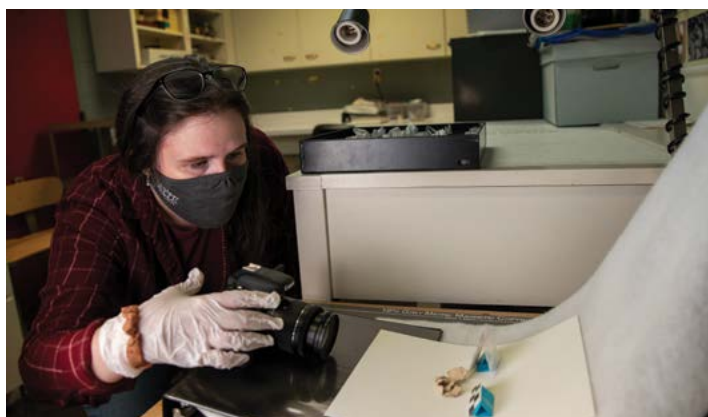
Bryant has also spent time working in the College's Ancient Collections Room. She photographed and catalogued the collection's ancient metals over the summer before moving on to Roman coins, frescoes, and marbles this fall.

Even though she stays busy, Bryant realizes the breadth of her experience is a testament to the opportunities Randolph offers to students.

"Randolph College provides students internships in a wide range of museum fields and museum-related skills," she said. "Hands-on experience is essential. Sometimes there are lessons you need to learn through trial and error. Mistakes are powerful memory makers. Internships provide students with valuable mentors who are there to teach them while also allowing them to make those mistakes and learn from them."

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— Emilie Bryant '22



The paintbrush moved swiftly, drawing a line in the sand as the intricate, brightly colored design below it faded away.

The dissolution of a sand mandala offers a marked contrast to its creation, when colored sand is applied, grain by grain, in a painstaking process that can last anywhere from days to weeks.

The Randolph community witnessed that process this fall, when three Tibetan lamas spent a week building one inside Lipscomb Library.

In Tibetan Buddhism, mandalas are geometric representations of an abode of a particular Buddha, created to serve as a center for intensive meditation after their completion.

The one at Randolph was done for educational purposes, and the opening and closing ceremonies, as well as the lamas' daily work, were open to the public.

"I thought it would be a wonderful way to kick off the new year, when everyone was allowed to be together on campus again," said comparative philosophy professor Suzanne Bessenger.

Grain by grain, visiting lamas painstakingly
create special mandala on campus

sands of time



Lamas work on the mandala in the library.



This is the third mandala created at Randolph, following ones in 2011 and 2013.

This time around, Bessenger approached Hun Lye, a spiritual leader in the Drikung Kagyü lineage of Tibetan Buddhism and a friend of 20 years, about visiting the College.

The mandala he chose for Randolph has a rare configuration, featuring the Buddhist goddess Vasudhara and her four male attendants. Typically, a design will feature a male at the center, with male or female attendants, or a female deity surrounded by females.

The significance of the arrangement wasn't lost on Bessenger or Lye.

"I thought it would be kind of nice with the history, the core, of where this place came from," he said. "It was centered around women, and now it's expanding out."

Building bridges

Lamas are spiritual leaders authorized to teach Buddhism, but who don't take the extensive vows monks do, which limits what they can do in day-to-day life.

Lye is the founder and spiritual director of Urban Dharma, a Buddhist temple in Asheville, North Carolina. He was joined at Randolph by Konchok Sonam Karushar and Nima Gylan Tamang, who lead centers in Boston and Philadelphia, respectively.

Bessenger invited them to campus to coincide with the lecture, "Buddhism, Meditation, and Cognitive Science," which is offered to all first-years in their Life More Abundant seminar.

She and psychology professor Blair Gross co-taught the lecture, which looked at not only the physical and religious foundations of meditation but also the science behind it.

"I am a really big proponent of intercultural learning," said Bessenger. "We can't travel right now, but we can bring a little bit of this world to our students."

For much of his life, Lye has straddled two worlds.

Raised in a Buddhist household in Malaysia, he studied and practiced Buddhism with teachers of various traditions from a young

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— Hun Lye, Founder and Spiritual Director of Urban Dharma



(Left) Konchok Sonam Karushar leads a chant during the mandala's opening ceremony.



age. He came to the United States in 1989 to attend college and met his first Drikung Kagyü teacher, which led him to his primary lineage identity.

In 2003, Lye earned his doctorate in religious studies, specializing in Buddhism, from the University of Virginia. This is also where he met Bessenger.

He spent the next 10 years teaching religious studies at two universities while leading a small Buddhist community in Asheville. Lye founded Urban Dharma in 2011,

and left academia two years later to devote himself to it full time.

"When you teach a non-mainstream religion, you do it in a secular, academic context. You are building a bridge, hoping to facilitate an understanding and appreciation among people who did not grow up with it," he said. "At some point, I decided I would be more effective bridging the other side, taking fresh academic insights on Buddhism to the Buddhist world."

Those dual residencies, as Bessenger called them, made

him the perfect choice to lead the mandala's creation and engage with the community about it. During his time at Randolph, Lye held two public teachings and gave a lecture focusing on various aspects of Buddhism.

"He has this cultural insider knowledge that is interesting to two different audiences and shows two different perspectives," Bessenger said.

When they began discussing his visit, she asked Lye to incorporate the idea of abundance into the



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mandala—something he reflected on during the opening ceremony.

"When we talk about abundance, it's not necessarily prosperity," he said. "It's about not letting our hearts shut down. When your heart is open, your mind is open. When we have clarity of mind and purpose, we can find our place in this world and know how to be good to ourselves and others."

That message resonated with September Taylor, who is taking a creative writing class at Randolph with plans to transfer to the College next year. She stopped by the library every day and attended Lye's public teachings.

"It was one of those moments that reminded you to pay attention to what makes you happy," she said. "It was something I really needed to hear."

Tools of the trade

Cups of brightly colored sand sat on the floor, surrounding the trio as they worked.

Lye, Karushar, and Tamang moved around the design methodically, using a traditional tool called a *chak-pur*, a ridge-lined funnel that comes to a fine point at one end. Sand is scooped into the *chak-pur*'s wider end, and the ridges are scraped with a stick to move it onto the mandala.

Each took on tasks that needed to be done or fit their particular skill set. Certain aspects of the design are fixed, Lye said, but others can be more organic.

The mandala's creation was an abbreviated version of what would occur in Asia or at the Buddhist temples Lye, Karushar, and Tamang lead.

There, a mandala's creation is part of a larger ritual.

"In the West, the crescendo is the completion and destruction of the mandala," said Lye, likening it to building a house, then immediately knocking it down. "In Asia, nobody comes to watch the mandala's

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creation. It would be like watching someone set up a tent for a party."

The meditations and rituals surrounding the completed mandala can last for days or even weeks before it is ultimately dissolved. Or, as Lye put it, when "we don't need the tent anymore."

The first hour or two are the most crucial in the construction of a sand mandala, as its creators lay down the grid that will eventually be filled with colored sand.

"After that," Lye said, "it's just a lot of patience and paying attention."

Lye said they don't intentionally meditate while creating the mandala. But "without a choice, your

mind is meditating," he said. "To get the task done, you have to be present."

Sand mandalas are fragile, but ultimately forgiving—a process that can provide a lot of lessons, Lye said, if you're paying attention.

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Their week at Randolph concluded with a closing ceremony at the library.

Attendees circled the completed mandala before Bessenger and Karushar began the dissolution, swiping the paintbrushes through the sand.

Children were invited to help, each taking a turn with the brush.

Some of the gathered sand was handed out to guests, and the rest was poured into a tributary near the College, another aspect of the ritual.

"The sands are considered blessed," Bessenger said. "The sand goes into a tributary that leads eventually to the ocean so the blessings can spread over the whole world."

Research project delves into the controversy surrounding Virginia's Confederate monuments

monumental

DILEMMA

(Left to right) Gerry Sherayko, a Randolph history professor, Tomi-Lauren McGinnis '23, and Josh Bulavko '22 visited monuments all over the state as part of their Summer Research Project.



In September, the massive statue of Confederate Gen. Robert E. Lee in Richmond, Virginia, finally came down after more than a year of legal wrangling and lawsuits challenging its removal.

Tomi-Lauren McGinnis '23, Josh Bulavko '22, and history professor Gerry Sherayko were there that day—an apt conclusion to a research project pondering Virginia's monuments and the fraught conversations surrounding them.

"The divide in our country over our monuments is not just about who is on the pedestal," McGinnis said. "It's what the monuments stood for, why they were initially put up, and who they were meant for."

The trio traveled the state this summer, inspired by the events of the last year, when the murder of George Floyd led to protests, along with the questioning, and often removal, of longstanding monuments like the ones once erected for Lee and other Confederate generals.

"We all realized we have this civic responsibility to take on something meaningful to the times and the social and political changes we're going through right now," said McGinnis, who is majoring in history and museum and heritage studies. "The change is happening right before our eyes."

Virginia, which has the most Confederate memorials in the country, also leads the nation in most monuments and symbols removed, according to the Southern Poverty Law Center.

"It's definitely an interesting state that's changing so rapidly," Bulavko, a history major, said. "We hope our research is going to lead to more discussions within city governments, not just in Lynchburg but throughout the entire state."

Lynchburg itself is a unique place, he added, where many monuments celebrating the Confederacy remain, but also where folks are working to recognize people from all backgrounds.

"The amount of state historic markers about people of color, about women, have really accelerated," Sherayko said. "While Lynchburg

hasn't taken anything down, they've taken the approach collectively to put things up. It's interesting to find out if there are conversations going on about moving things or removing things."

Engaging in those conversations was a big part of the project. They spoke with political, cultural, and religious leaders throughout Virginia to understand changes in the monument landscape, their involvement with those changes, how their communities have responded, and plans for the future.

The group sat in on community meetings and also hit the road, visiting historical sites and monuments all over Virginia and Washington, D.C.—anywhere change has occurred or where dialogue about it is ongoing.

They attended Confederate protests in Danville, sat in on a training session for tour guides at Appomattox Court House

National Historical Park, and saw Richmond's Robert E. Lee Monument a month prior to its removal.

"In a country still stricken with political and social uncertainty, our research sought to promote more discussion of how we can find unity in upholding diversity," Bulavko said. "We do not believe that the removal of controversial monuments is the destruction of history. Instead, it is a step in a period of reckoning to ensure that the 'pursuit of happiness' is guaranteed to all, not just a few."

The project also inspired a new one for McGinnis and Sherayko this fall. They are working to research and, eventually, recognize major turning points in the history of the College and the land on which it stands.

"This is the moment to have these conversations," Sherayko said, "and to observe what's going on."

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a conservationist *at heart*

Michael Ramsey '16 brings passion for sustainable leadership to new role

Michael Ramsey '16 has a thing for meetings. Really.

"It sounds really lame," the Amherst native said laughing. "People don't get it. I don't either. There's just something entertaining to me about board meetings. It feels like an important event, where all your key stakeholders are coming together to make decisions."

As the new town manager in Proctor, Vermont, Ramsey now has his fill of them. The town operates under a five-member elected Selectboard, which appoints a manager to handle the administration and general supervision of the town's business affairs.

In addition to those meetings, Ramsey is responsible for leading a series of infrastructure projects for the town.

"Economic and community development really interests me," he said. "I like to come up with creative ideas. Proctor, like most small towns and cities, is suffering from an exodus of big industry. So our job is to look at how we move forward and keep the economy sustainable."

For Ramsey, possible solutions trace back to his time as an environmental studies major at Randolph and classes with Karin Warren, the College's Herzog Family Professor of Environmental Studies and Science.

"She always talked about the triple bottom line approach: economic, cultural, and environmental sustainability," he said. "How do we keep the town's finances straight, while protecting the environment and maintaining the culture of the town?"

It's something that's stuck with me for a long time."

He's used those lessons throughout his career. After graduating, he worked for the Thomas Jefferson Soil and Water Conservation District as an urban conservation specialist.

In 2017, he joined the City of Waynesboro's Public Works Department, eventually working his way up to senior utility operations coordinator, managing personnel and budgeting for the city's sewer division.

"I was working right next to the director of public works, and across from him was the city engineer," Ramsey remembered. "I just really enjoyed watching what they did and decided to go back to school to figure out how to do that, how to lead people."

He went on to earn his Master's in Public Administration from Ohio University, thriving as an online

student while continuing his day job.

Vermont is a frequent vacation spot for the outdoorsy Ramsey, so he jumped at the chance to apply for the job opening in Proctor.

"I'm a conservationist at heart," he said. "I knew I wanted to be a leader in a rural, small-town community that cares deeply about being good stewards of the surrounding environment."

It's also about serving the community, something Ramsey has done for most of his life.

He volunteered with the American Red Cross right out of high school, after Hurricane Katrina hit New Orleans, and did a stint in the Navy before coming to Randolph in his mid-20s.

"I want to be there to help," he said. "I got an environmental studies degree to be a good steward. It's just kind of been building from there. My academic and professional careers and my drive to help people has kept me going as a public servant. It's probably where I'll always be."

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TREASURED TRADITION

Randolph's Greek Play takes center stage in the Dell

The chorus surrounds Deianeira, one of the title characters in Randolph College's 2021 Greek Play, lamenting how long her husband, Heracles, has been gone.

"Deianeira's heart longs for him," they sang, encircling their mistress, during a performance this fall. "She never lays her worry to bed/Her eyes never dry from tears/She always sleeps with fear of disaster."

Disaster does, in fact, strike in *Heracles & Deianeira*, traditionally known as Sophocles' *Women of*

Trachis, when a misunderstanding between the titular married couple causes Heracles to become very ill.

The play was staged in October in Randolph's Mabel K. Whiteside Greek Theatre, after a nearly two-year journey that began with a virtual presentation on Zoom last fall.

Between the two productions, actors came and went. Director Amy R. Cohen introduced a new translation of Sophocles' text, and everyone involved dove deep into a beloved College tradition.

The Greek Play rehearsal process is always special and keeps cast members like Jaelyn Evans '22 coming back.

"It's just the amount of work, on so many levels—the masks; the Dell, which is a beast in itself; a whole new way of acting; and long speeches," said Evans, who portrayed the same two characters in both the online and live productions. "Whoever does it really loves it. We have this community of people who love the Greek Play and are devoted to making it happen."



The chorus performs for local student groups in the Dell.



River Gay '24, who played both title characters in the production, is a newcomer to the Greek Play.

Heracles & Deianeira afforded Cohen, Evans, and the cast a rare opportunity to extend a process that usually lasts about six weeks.

"Every time, we put together something that's really rich, with all sorts of things for the audience to notice," Cohen said. "But they don't get to live with all of these characters, these details, and the richness the way we do. Spending longer than usual on this play made all of that even deeper."

The live production's new translation threw a bit of a curveball to returning cast members, but all were in agreement that the change was necessary.

"The other translation worked for when it was, and where we were, being online because of a global pandemic," Evans said. "The language in the new translation is plainer, which works better in the Dell. It allows us to bring these characters to life in a way that we couldn't on a screen."

A tradition continues

The Greek Play tradition dates back to 1909, when Mabel K. Whiteside, a professor of Greek, staged *Alcestis* at the College.

Productions continued annually until her retirement in 1954.

Cohen revived the Greek Play in 2000. During Whiteside's original run, the plays were presented in Greek, but they have been mostly in English since Cohen took over.

Most importantly, the plays still adhere to conventions that governed ancient theatre.

For instance, three actors play all of the main roles, the chorus remains onstage for most of the play, and the performers wear masks, which are now painstakingly handmade from linen and glue with molds that are created using the College's 3D printer.

During the first four productions under Cohen, the masks only covered half of a performer's face. With no microphones, dialogue would often be lost when an actor turned to address another part of the audience or a character on the other side of the Dell.

So Cohen and three former students, Naomi Fritts '08, Brittany Stallings '09, and Katrina Weichmann '09, spent a few summers researching and developing

techniques to build full theatrical masks that allowed performers to be heard clearly from all angles.

Those were introduced in 2006. At that point, the masks were still being made by hand. In 2014, 3D scanning and printing were added to the process.

The first rehearsal with masks always involves some growing pains, but Cohen said she was pleasantly surprised with how quickly this group adapted.

River Gay '24, who played both Heracles and Deianeira, was a newcomer to the Greek Play and said the process helped stretched acting muscles.

"I know how to use my face, and I don't have my face anymore," Gay said. "I had to learn how to make body language a bigger part of my performance."

Pulling double-and triple-duty

Evans and fellow returning cast member Sabina Sabat '22 played a total of five characters between them in *Heracles & Deianeira*, while Gay joined the cast last spring as the title characters.

It's widely believed that when Sophocles



Jaelyn Evans '22 (right) took on two roles for the play.

presented the tragedy, the roles of both husband and wife were played by the same performer.

"That is a grand demand of an actor," Cohen said. "They are both such towering characters in their different ways, and Sophocles gives them so much to do. The speeches are so rich, and I've honestly started to think about it as if those two roles together are kind of Sophocles' *Hamlet*, as far as how big a task it is and how rich the actor's part is."

Deianeira is a much more reserved character, while Heracles, by the time he appears at the end of the play, is in great pain and isn't shy about expressing it.

"I have a big personality, so you'd think it would be easy," Gay said. "But it was hard to portray all that emotion and find a balance. It was fun and challenging. I feel like I was pushed out of my comfort zone, which is good."

Cohen said Gay nailed it from the very first audition, showing "such confidence and intelligence in cold reading the two roles, such clarity in distinguishing between them, and a voice and presence I knew would carry in the Dell, which takes a lot to fill."

For her part, Evans portrayed both Hyllus, the son of Heracles and Deianeira, and a herald who plays a key role in the events of the show.

"We've been able to create really distinct, unique characters, to the point that I don't feel like I'm playing both of them," she said. "I don't even see myself as that other character when I'm talking about him."

Cohen also recruited a couple players from the College's men's lacrosse team to lend a hand; they were among the soldiers who carried an ailing Heracles into the Dell at the end of the play.

It was one more way to find echoes of a 2,000-year-old tradition in modern times.

"There's something about it that feels, honestly, very Greek," she said. "Any big sanctuary you can think of, like Delphi, had the temple to the gods but many also had a theatre and a stadium. The things that went on there would be international panhellenic competitions in arts and sports. So it feels like a really natural partnership."



Sabina Sabat '22 as an old man, one of the three roles she played in the production



Director Amy R. Cohen inspects a mold for one of the play's masks.



Sidney Clark '22 was the play's chief mask painter.

‘I really WANT STUDENTS to be able to COME TO ME’

New Title IX coordinator brings extensive background to Randolph

Since joining Randolph as the College's new Title IX coordinator this summer, Tamara Koscic has already seen the rules surrounding the complex process change several times.

More than 60 pages of new guidelines were handed down from the federal government not long after she started, and case law related to Title IX is coming out daily across the nation, she said.

The revisions are indicative of the complicated nature of Title IX and the issues surrounding it. Guidelines often change with each new incoming presidential administration, something Koscic said can lead to confusion about procedures.



Tamara Koscic, Randolph's new Title IX coordinator, talks to students during the College's first-year Life More Abundant seminar.

"I think the law is changing to keep its finger on the pulse of society," said Kusic, who most recently worked as a magistrate in Lynchburg. "It's evolving."

With sexual assault and other Title IX issues facing colleges across the nation, Kusic is passionate about supporting students.

"The major focus for me is accessibility, transparency, and prevention," she said. "Knowledge is power. Prevention is power. And if something does happen, I really want students to be able to come to me."

In addition to being ready to guide students through the process, she has worked to revise and enhance the College's educational programming around Title IX.

She conducted consent workshops for students during orientation and taught about issues like bystander intervention in the first-year seminar.

She led trauma training sessions that were open to faculty and staff this fall and also met with the College's Davenport Leaders, resident advisors, coaches, and Academic Services Center tutors.

"Everyone has been amazingly supportive of seeing Title IX revamped and revitalized here at Randolph," she said. "People want positive change."

Kusic—whose career has taken her all over the world, including a stint with United Nations tribunals—is perfectly suited to lead those changes.

She's worked all angles of the law: prosecution, defense, pre-trial judge, and victim lawyer.

Throughout her career, she carved out a niche working with victims that began during her time with the International Criminal Court (ICC) in the Netherlands. She fully understands the need for due process and transparency with any actions taken, whether formal or informal.

The ICC investigates and tries individuals charged with genocide, war crimes, and crimes against humanity. As a legal consultant, Kusic worked with rape

victims from Kenya and analyzed issues regarding victim status.

Later, working for the United Nations at the Special Tribunals for Lebanon, she took witness statements from victims of terrorist attacks and their families in the Middle East.

"We have been very lucky to hire someone so uniquely well qualified to serve as our coordinator of Title IX," said Randolph President Bradley W. Bateman. "Tamara's experience at the ICC and her training as a lawyer make her ideally suited for the many complex parts of the work. We are very happy to welcome her to our Randolph community."

Kusic studied political science and journalism at Chicago's DePaul University, then joined the U.S. Peace Corps. Serving in Morocco, Kusic was tasked with teaching sex education to women's groups and students in rural areas.

When her time in the Peace Corps was done, Kusic enrolled in the University of Miami Law School and continued her work with marginalized groups. While in law school, Kusic taught constitutional law, family law, and criminal law to inner-city high school students and imprisoned pregnant teens in Miami as a Street Law Fellow.

Upon returning to the United States, she worked as a magistrate for the Supreme Court of Virginia in Lynchburg, reviewing complaints of criminal conduct, issuing warrants and emergency orders, and conducting bail hearings.

For Kusic, college was a life-changing time that shaped who she is today—and she wants that same opportunity for Randolph's students.

"It created me," she said. "It pushed me and challenged me to think differently, to challenge my belief system, to go out into the world and constantly check myself. To have that, to create those friendships and bonds, students need a safe space where they can talk openly, share their experiences, and have those conversations."



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ART ALLEY

Randolph student leaves her mark in downtown Lynchburg

Hanan Davis '23 loves how public art can transform a space and breathe new life into previously empty city blocks.

"I also like the equality it brings," she said. "It's accessible to everyone."

Davis's first experience with public art came in 2018, when she painted a mural in downtown Lynchburg for her Girl Scout Gold Award Project, the highest achievement within the Girl Scouts of the USA.

Now she's back at it as a featured artist in the Downtown Lynchburg Association's (DLA) Art Alley, which was unveiled in October.

Davis was among a group of local artists chosen to revamp an alley at the intersection of Commerce and 11th streets—what officials have called "a blank canvas in the heart of our city"—leading to the Bluffwalk, a series of walkways, trails, and staircases overlooking the James River.

The goal is to "transform this overlooked area into a vibrant public art location" that supports local businesses, encourages tourism, and improves residents' quality of life, according to the DLA website.

That transformation came through an asphalt mural, multiple wall murals, and an outdoor rotating gallery displaying illustrations from 10 Central Virginia artists, including Davis, a Bedford County native.

Her father alerted her when the call for artists went out, and she quickly gathered some of her past work, including a portrait of him and the family cat. That piece was

ultimately chosen for the rotating gallery, which features digitally enlarged reprints mounted onto the buildings along Art Alley.

"We gathered a selection committee to blindly review the submissions, keeping in mind that the intention was to 'spark joy' in the viewer," said Susan Brown, the DLA's program director. "Hanan's work, entitled *Winter's Morning*, sparked a peaceful kind of joy in us. The subject looks cozy and calm, inviting the viewer to be drawn in to ponder his thoughts."

The work in the rotating gallery will remain up through the end of the year, when Brown expects to put out another call for artists.

Davis, a psychology major with minors in art and sociology, has always been a creative type. She's experimented with watercolors and acrylics and has a wish list of mediums she'd like to explore, including woodblock printing.

Her 2018 mural was the biggest project she's tackled to date. Measuring 8 by 12 feet, it features a pair of hands holding a piece of earth behind the words "Together We Thrive." A river runs through the land, with blue skies overhead, and mountains and a cityscape in the distance.

Davis's goal with that project was to do something in service of the community, a passion she's continued to realize at Randolph. She participates in service projects as a Community Fellow, works as a tutor in



the College's Writing Lab, and serves on the Judiciary Committee as a member of Student Government.

"I'm interested in community service, and I like working one-on-one with people," she said.

No matter what she does in the future, art will always be part of her life.

"I like creating things and using my hands. The tactile elements. Scrapbooking, crocheting," she said. "With public art, I like the result of having something that has changed the environment."



A painting by Hanan Davis '23 is included in the Downtown Lynchburg Association's Art Alley, a public art project.

WHY I GIVE

Rebecca Dixon '60



Tell us a little about your life today.

A couple of years before I was to retire in 2005, I trained to become a volunteer docent for the Chicago Architecture Center. For the ensuing 18 years, it has remained a rewarding activity—explaining Chicago's history, architecture and related design; greeting people from all over the world; enjoying fellow docents; and outdoor exercise.

Six years ago, I moved from Evanston, IL, where I had most recently worked at Northwestern University, to a senior citizen residence in Chicago, just off Michigan Avenue near the Water Tower. Now, I can walk to the Architecture Center or River Cruise, am only a few blocks from Fourth Presbyterian Church where I'm very active, and have many friends within walking distance. Most of my family members are still in Staunton, Roanoke, or Richmond, and I am pleased to be able to visit home territory, including Lynchburg...when conditions allow.

What is your fondest memory of the College?

My strongest memory of the College is the great education I got. I loved the variety, of being challenged, of doing research, even in the musty underground library stacks. Today, I still have and even occasionally refer to three textbooks: one on the *Old Testament* written by my Randolph professor, my art history text, and the music appreciation text we used. Recently, I read a write-up I prepared for the memoir class I'm enjoying. In the critique afterward, a classmate said, "I think you had a great liberal arts education."

Why do you support Randolph College?

Family circumstances prompted me to formalize estate plans many years ago. In addition to concern and love for family members, I carefully chose only two other eventual beneficiaries, the College was one of them. Initially, I was identified as one of the "anonymous" benefactors in the named-gift column. A few years later, I asked that my name be published, hopeful that action might motivate others. Simply put,

Randolph College has made a tremendous difference in my life. Without the financial aid given me, I could not have attended what my father, with only an eighth-grade education, characterized as "the best college in Virginia." I want to support its ongoing strength and influence for the benefit of others. I was a trustee during the years we transitioned to coed, a decision I strongly supported. I am especially pleased with the character now of the student body.

My annual gifts to the College over many years reflect my gratitude to my alma mater for the ongoing "gift" of my educational experience there. Provision in my estate plans reflects my continued support and hope for similar experiences for students there today. It is important that both the Randolph family and those thinking about becoming a part of that family know my intentions. I urge new graduates to reflect on their Randolph experience and commit to staying in touch with the College's faculty, staff, students and fellow graduates and commit to contributing annually. That richness of connection will last your lives long.

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
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FROM THE ASSOCIATION PRESIDENT



Happy fall to my fellow alumnae and alumni! I am thrilled to have been elected to serve as your president for the next three years. To share a little about me: I am a graduate of the Class of 2008 and a midwife in practice in Lynchburg. I am married to my high school sweetheart, and we have two fearless daughters. In

my professional life, I am an enthusiastic advocate, educator, and life-long learner. This bleeds into my personal life, and I bring these experiences, skills, and an open heart to this work of service.

There are MANY exciting things happening on campus and within the Association. This year, we will say farewell to President Bateman and prepare for a new president's arrival, welcome a new director of alumnae and alumni relations, and revitalize our Association's representation. We had a great time at our fall meeting and Leadership Council. During this meeting, we voted to invite Jim Duffy, long-time college enrollment counselor, to join us as honorary alumnus. We shared exciting news that the dress collection, procured and curated over many years, would be deaccessioned to the Lynchburg Museum System for exhibition, preservation and storage. We will be able to bring items back to campus for special events and will share with you whenever they are exhibited or displayed.

Your Association Board is guided by our 2019-2024 strategic plan - now in year three! We have co-created a community pledge voicing our commitment to diversity, equity, identity, and inclusion that is to be shared with the community. We are incorporating principles of inclusion and equity through an extensive review of our governing documents, as well as our volunteer and meeting structure. We invite you to join this work and volunteer with the Association! Be on the lookout for opportunities to share your voice and gather with us in community events.

Send me a message if you are in town - let's have coffee or a pint! Thank you for allowing me to serve you, our College, and the community!

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Katie Page '08
Association President



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Randolph College and the Class of '51 are saddened at the passing of **Isabel D. Thomson** '51. Isabel is kindly remembered as a "straight faced, dry-witted" woman, well-respected in her profession as a librarian. After graduating from R-MWC, Isabel earned a Masters in Librarianship from Emory University in 1964 and had a successful career as a librarian in the DeKalb County Library Systems. Isabel's father, Albert D. Thomson, Sr. and uncle, W.D. Thomson were influential in the establishment of Emory University. In retirement, Isabel loved to travel and was a docent at Emory's Carlos Museum. She was an avid symphony goer, holding season tickets to the Atlanta Symphony Orchestra for many years, and was also a longtime volunteer at the Atlanta Zoo. Bequests of Isabel's estate are generously designated to many of the organizations she loved, including Randolph College. Isabel passed away on February 23, 2021. She was 90 years old. Our Charlottesville 4 - **Lucy Byrd Pegau, Elizabeth Oglesby Haugh, Roberta Allen, and Dot Sutherland Etchison** are all keeping on keeping on. Our

Atlanta four - **Shirley McCullough Isbell** (now at her Alabama lake place with either or both sister/daughter Joan), **Nini Brethes Frangis** (just moved to a senior place after 50+ years in a big house on a lake), **Anna Griswold Nichols**, and yours truly are all doing OK. Griz is on the 5th floor of her residential rental along with their library and I am on the third floor. There are two elevators in the condo building with a grocery half a block away, along with the city library one block in the other direction. Not as glowing are thoughts of the foreign classmates - put way away from classmates in the innards of Maine, along with one of our two catholic girls. At our age, when people say the customary "How are you?" I answer "Fair" which covers generally every aspect - and it's quick! For some reason, I subscribe to the British "The Oldie". Leslie Caron is now 90 (!) and on the June 2021 cover. It's online now and free. **Ann Nowell Evans** and husband John are still doing well in the retirement community they moved to fairly early (age-wise). Nini has moved to an adult living facility at 11350 Woodstock Rd, Roswell, GA 30075 (the home of Teddy Roosevelt's mother). **Jane Dillard Knight** is in a rehab facility called Ridgecrest in Columbus GA for her hip. **Mary Lib Schmitz Skerkoske** is still golfing both in FL and IL in spite of her many operations on her vocal cords. **Joyce Sullivan Ey** has switched from tennis to croquet. She is still in her house of 19 years. Both Joyce's daughter and daughter-in-law are graduates of our College. They are doing a great service in the Society of St. Andrews in Bedford VA (they are gleaners and are giving good food to people in need in various cities). **Lucy Lee Gant** is still busy being a New Yorker. Classmates I tried to unsuccessfully reach by phone and for whom I need help clearing their status are: **Eleanor Pollard McIntyre, Muriel Stuck McCord, and Katherine Suggs Walker**. Our College needs help with our class contact list. We have moved or "moved on" or whoever lives in our old homes throws away all the College's letters and bulletins instead of "returning to sender." Of course the easiest way out of this limbo (and waste of paper) is to imitate our classmate Isabel and leave our College money in our wills! Of course we don't have to try to give as much as Isabel thoughtfully did. Give any amount to make the class lists accurate! The College says there are 96 of us but this figure seems too high. Send the College your own updated address and phone numbers. Remember the "Lassie come home" TV series? Lassie the dog was ever ready for public service - whatever the danger or the need. Well, we now have a \$30 gadget at our disposal

named "Alexa" - just plug her in. I live in a two room condo and she can hear me anywhere, obliging me with spelling, weather, phoning friends, the news (the TV or radio), setting the alarm for minutes or hours, and even grocery lists. Write me (and Alexa) your phone number. We'll phone - only at decent hours, mindful of the time zones. **Ann Boon Rhea**.

REUNION JUNE 2-5 1952

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Barbara Shrewsbury Rennie is making the best of our pandemic isolation by making frequent use of Facetime and Zoom. She and spouse Laurie are "as well as most 90 and 92 year old persons can expect". Laurie uses a cane and Barbara has some visual problems. Both have age-related memory problems, mainly for lost hearing aids, glasses, iPhone, etc. They are fortunate that they are best friends and can enjoy their isolation. **Margot Holt Gill's** 5th great-grandchild, a girl named Evie, was born in May to Valerie and Chris Dales, who live in Oxford, England. Valerie is the daughter of **Emily Gill Mills** '79. Margot had the 2nd fall of her old age on July 4 in her kitchen. She broke her nose and still has the remnants of a huge knot on her forehead and a "generally black, blue, purple face". As a result, she has lost her "cooking license" and has part time help to come in and prepare meals. She has given up driving so has to find people to take her where she needs to go, although most of her trips out are for doctors' appointments "which seem constant although I have no major ailments". Margot heard from a Dallas cousin of **Frances "Lulu" Porcher** that Lulu died recently. Lulu was friends with many of our classmates. She had been living at Bishop Gadsden in Charleston SC. **Barbara Stanley Welsh** and husband Cecil are settled in an assisted living facility in Virginia Beach and are glad they made the move as they need more and more assistance. **Kathleen "Bunny" Willis Webb** is still at a similar facility in Buffalo. Her daughter and family live about an hour drive away in Canada but they have not been able to visit because the border has been closed. I myself have been leading a pretty quiet life. I hardly go anywhere except to church, where I play the piano every Sunday. One thing I have learned: it is not easy to play the piano wearing a mask. I finally got permission to leave it off while playing because I'm in a corner and observing social distancing.

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Virginia Atkinson Hein reports that husband Roger and she have moved to Watkinsville, Georgia, near Athens, where her daughter, Laura Ebbert, lives.

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So pleased to receive news from several members of the class of 1956. I hope we hear from more of you: Sadly, **Jean Noe Miller** reports the death of her husband, Dick, after 62 years of marriage. "Since we had moved to a retirement home, I was able to visit him each day. I miss him but give thanks for our life together. He died 04/29/2021. The letters from his students and the obituary by our sons are a great comfort." **Betty Sturdivant Turner** writes: Ned and I are still in our home in Montgomery County VA near Christiansburg and Radford. We have 5 acres with 2 dogs and lots of wild critters. I am still able to have a deck full of flowers and a fenced in vegetable garden which I love. We had a quiet COVID period and it is wonderful now to see family and friends again. Our two sons are in Salem, VA, and our daughter is in Warrenton. Many chapters in our lives have closed with the loss of so many friends. We probably will not travel anymore. I am the driver now and lunch and play bridge with friends. Our church family means a lot too. Reading is my joy--just read Kristin Hannah's *Nightingale*. Wonderful book. **Bruce Koolage Forsberg** reports that 6 attended **Elizabeth "Ibby" Harrington Merritt's funeral: Sally Ann Lauck Harris, Jeanne Thompson Noel, Ann Jeter Baldwin, Mary Ellen Macdonald Dechert, Jean Cornthwaite Hanbury** and Bruce. Robert and I, **Margaret Whitney Shiels**, are thankful for our health and for friends and family. I am the designated driver since Robert cannot drive due to eyesight problems. David and Carol are nearby and help in so many ways. I cannot drive in the city so when we have doctor in Dallas, Carol takes us. Frank and Marie are pleased to be released from COVID restrictions in Fort Worth. Frank is with Frost Bank. Heather and Randy are spending much time at his ranch

in west Texas making improvements in the house there and overseeing ranch improvements. They live in Austin. Heather came here for a week to help us with things around the house. I read, read, read and am thankful for the wonderful county library in town with very knowledgeable employees who know what you like to read. I am always happy to hear what you are enjoying reading. Please let me know how you are and let the college know where you are. So many friends are in senior retirement places. We are in the same old house in Kaufman, Texas, watching our cows in the field and the peaceful lake out of our window. Love to you all, Margaret.

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Dear lovely '58ers, life was returning to 'normal' except now COVID-19 is resurging because of the Delta strain. We hope all are and will stay healthy and safe. We just received some very, very sad news from **Ann Verbeke Richards**: "Husband Eli passed on Aug 4. We had been with him since hospice began the previous Wednesday. It was a peaceful ending and we had loved him home as best we could. The family was with him all week." We send our heartfelt condolences to Ann and children. We also lost **Mary Ellen Pinney Harrington** in 2020 and **Libba Pierce Colby** in June of this year. We send our heartfelt condolences to their families. **Ann Verbeke Richards** also said she really enjoyed hearing from several classmates since sending donor thank you notes. In her letter to Ann, **Martha McKay Jones** wrote "Dan, my perfect partner, celebrated his first 91 years in June. I thank God every day that we have each other and our health. I do believe since the sudden passing of our son Daniel in Jan. 2020 we have drawn closer than ever. We enjoy each other's company and our various projects as we continue to stay close to home and ever cautious whenever we venture out. Our family, children, their spouses and our grandchildren continue to be a source of never-ending joy and delight, especially the young ones as they discover and pursue their goals." Martha also commented on our class scholarship student and wrote "That is such a worthy endeavor. I had so hoped some child or grandchild would choose Randolph, but instead their choices have included U of Washington, Portland State U, Colorado State U, The U of Hawaii, and Harvard!

Our oldest grandchild will deploy with the Army to Poland in January for 9 months, and his sister will begin living and teaching in Madrid this Sept. The courage and strength of the young is an inspiration. Let us hope they will work to make the world a better place in every way." Sometime ago, **Adelaide Gonzalez** Few wrote: "Aside from this search (regarding **Yvonne Gaugier**), it's an opportunity to tell you how much I enjoy the inclusion in our phenomenal class communication. Although I spent only one year at R-MWC, it was the single most important year of my young life. Away from my home and family, making important decisions on my own, meeting and living with girls from places I knew only by name, learning that suede loafers and cotton socks were not cool, being introduced to Tampax and contact lenses, owning my first real coat (I was from Florida, of course) and being barely 17 years old....I think often of that year and the classmates I loved. I am also amazed at how the people I met and the events of that year live so vividly in my mind...a sure sign of being 83! I am still well and in Tampa. Had my first vaccination today on "Inauguration fumes," but perhaps that's a good thing. Wishing you and all the remaining class of '58 good health, well-being, and good fortune in this fresh new year." In March, **Virginia "Ginny" Hider Martin** wrote "I've really enjoyed the COVID lockdown. All summer and fall I had my community garden plot to escape to and the garden also supplied me with a project. Many years ago, between my plot and the edge of the woods, someone installed a little formal garden with brick paths and a seating area. It was horribly overgrown and took me several months to clear up, rescue a few old peonies, and put in some new flowers. Now it's a lovely, peaceful spot where a small, trusted group of friends and I gathered to sip a little wine on Sunday evening, with gathering time and number of sweaters adjusted to the season, right up until December. My winter project was writing a memoir of the 1970's decade I and a lot of similarly minded others led a crusade for flexible working hours. It turned out to be too short for a book and very long for an article, so I am trying to figure out how to get it published. I am glad to hear you are as protected from coronavirus as possible now and I am too. Enjoyed my first meal inside a restaurant a couple of days ago. Next postponed outing is bike repair and tuning of hearing aids--what a nuisance getting old is!" **Norma Halmagyi Hanson** writes: "The news is that we are getting used to less business and I for one like it. After having gotten my two shots I went to Raleigh to visit my daughter and how nice it was to get out of Asheville. While in Raleigh, I stopped by and visited with **Delilah Little Turpin** and husband



Marilyn Messerly '59 in front of a giant helianthus at the Van Gogh Immersive Experience Exhibition in Atlanta

Bill. There are no friends like old friends. Tonight at a Zoom meeting, the talk was getting airplane tickets to see new baby grandchildren. I don't have any new ones, but people who did during the pandemic are chafing at the bit to see them. I just want to go to the beach with my crew this summer." Please '58ers keep sending news to your co-class secretaries so we can communicate to all and stay safe!

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As all of us are well over 75 I hope you have been able to get your vaccine for COVID-19. Now we must worry about the Delta variant. This summer your class secretary **Marilyn Messerly** visited the Van Gogh Immersion Experience in Atlanta. It was a marvelous 360-degree projected view of Van Gogh's life and art. Sunflowers were a major theme in his work. I have had no news from other classmates during the summer so am reporting news from **Betty Lou Atkinson Newcomb** which she received at Christmas time in 2020. Here is a summary of her information. **Barbara Baumes Rives** has taken up knitting, has a friend with a swimming pool so she can get some exercise that way. She also reads a lot these days. **Ruth Lee Jones** lives on the west coast where her children and grandchildren are as well. She and her husband love to travel and did two trips to Europe in 2020. **Rena Jones Johnson** lost her husband in Sept. 2020. She is doing well, and her family is in touch with her with support and attention. After losing her husband in 2002, **Lou Cowan Bell Stebbins** remarried in 2017. She married Dr. Lloyd Stebbins, a chemistry professor.

The combined families are well although Lou's health in 2020 was a bit rocky. **Joan Dorf Atkeson** wrote that her neighbor **Susan Bird Blanchard** passed away in March 2020. In October she was able to attend a memorial service for her. **Emilie Laney Townsend** reported that **Nancy Harris Berry** had died in early April. **Gail Clement Aud** lost her husband of 62 years in late 2019. Her daughter lives nearby and became a grandmother in March 2021. **Charlotte Patterson Halloran** is now living in Toledo, OH near her daughter. **Laura Sewell Walker** loves living on the Eastern Shore of VA. She is swimming competitively with the Virginia Masters Swim Team. Another VA resident is **June Ellen Mitchell Pankey** who with her husband live in Richmond. They have missed graduations of their daughter and granddaughter. **Virginia Lawhon Park** lives in the Seattle, WA area and walks her mini-Labradoodle daily. **Susan Elliott Clewell** and her husband were able to meet with their whole family in June and then again in October at a grandson's wedding. They live at Westminster Canterbury in Richmond, VA where **Emma Lou Marchant Martin** also lives. Emma Lou teaches a few art classes and has lots of energy. Her daughter is the Director of Visual Arts program there and her other daughter is a nurse. **Martha Turner Friedrich** lives in Gainesville, FL and wrote that her freshman roommate **Jane Haile Dawkins** is in an assisted living facility. Florine Hawley Moore and husband are in Smithfield, VA and enjoy the small-town life. **Cele Gourley Bryant** lives in Southern Pines, NC and is busy with her artwork. **Susan Dinwiddie Cline** moved into Sharon Towers in Charlotte, NC early last year and enjoys life there. **Margie Roberts Johnson** and husband are in Roanoke, VA and are happy in their newer surroundings. Enjoy the rest of the year.

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As these class notes are being written, who would have thought the global pandemic would still be on-going. It has been an interesting 60th Reunion year. Only 'virtual' hugs and glasses of wine shared via Zoom; but the gossip flowed as we saw many of you in our Class Chats! Kudos to the College for providing informative presentations and

lectures to keep us engaged. (Watch for the new Maier Museum documentary; the 'preliminary' showing was terrific!) Your Reunion Committee thanks you for meeting and exceeding our class goals (52% participation and over \$94,000 donated!). Receiving your news whether by email, letter, phone, or Facebook, is welcome; we thrive on news and want to pass it on. Your classmates like to hear your news, no matter how insignificant you think it is. Sometimes an email arrives and it's a voice from the past filled with news! **Kay Dunlap Whitney** reports she graduated from the University of Texas, and has lived in Austin for many years. She and husband, Leon, are in the process of closing down their businesses. She adds: "We consider ourselves already retired and are enjoying it very much. We are staying well with only a few complaints! Over the years we have traveled (memorable trips to Turkey and Egypt among others), but are sticking to the US lately." They remain in their home of many years and are active in their local Episcopal Church. They have 2 daughters and 4 college age grandsons. The Austin alum group is small and before COVID got together about once a year. "Best wishes to the Class of '61!" **Sharon "Spuzzie" Glaize Duckwall** and husband Fran Joe are in the process of moving to Brandon Oaks Retirement Home in Roanoke, a move they have been planning for some time. They are pleased about the move and are happy they still have their home at Smith Mountain Lake where they can have friends and families visit. **Susan "Sue" Van Horn Barnett** reports she has two adult sons, one adult daughter, nine grandchildren (ages 15-31). Coming up on her 60th wedding anniversary... Moved from CA to IL to be closer to most of the family. Right-sized, but still have some very nice things to sell that she doesn't use, won't use. Was an elementary school teacher and Citizenship coach for 30+ years. **Nancy Bourne** reports she is very happy to be living on several acres of land in the little community of Troutville outside Roanoke. She enjoys the rural atmosphere and has been grateful to be there during the recent pandemic. She and **Susanne Burton Sawyer** keep in touch and she recently had dinner with Susanne and husband George when they visited Roanoke to attend the funeral of a childhood friend of Susanne's. **Mary Katherine "MK" Goodwin Greenlaw** continues to serve as Mayor of Fredericksburg, winning her 3rd term Nov. 2020! She has served as mayor since 2012 and was previously on the City Council. **Layle Stewart Lockett** and husband Jack were sad not to be on a 'class chat', but the time difference



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with Honolulu was difficult. She sent a typical Layle email in short-hand. She reports they have had no virus so far, but that her sister, **Carrie "Libby" Stewart Beam** '71, lost her husband in Jan. 2021 to COVID. "So proud of her, a true R-M lady". The recent storms were big but they only got wet and lost power for a few hours allowing them to check out emergency equipment. The best item was a small (9" tall & 4x5" window!) solar lantern which faced the sun at all times, lighting the entire living room! They had lots of rain, but they face the ocean and the land drains quickly. Our 'intrepid' travelers' have stayed close to home this year, only small family gatherings at beaches, lakes, etc. Many of us have been using Zoom to stay in touch with family and friends and to stay connected with others. It's amazing how fast this 'new' technology has been embraced. Unfortunately, there is sad news. On our Zoom chats, **Eugenia "Genie" Ingram Whayne** informed us of husband Thomas's death 6/17/20 and **Noel Harris Shinn** told us husband Bill passed 4/26/19. We were sorry to hear of their losses and know that they would appreciate hearing from their classmates. We have also lost classmates this unusual year: Anne Williams Alster passed 6/17/20; **Elizabeth "Punky" Compson Wardrup** passed 4/7/20. As many of you know, we lost **Mary Edith Bentley Abu-Saba** 10/30/20. If you have been on our Facebook page or a Zoom chat, you know of the tragic loss of **Harriet Hodges**. She left her home in the Roanoke area 3/19/21 and was found 5/1/21 after numerous searches and silver alerts. Please keep their families in your prayers. Venturing out has been slowly resuming, but with an eye on health; we may be through with the pandemic, but is it through with us? Please stay safe! Thanks everyone for sending your news. Please keep it coming; emails, letters and phone calls are welcome. Also join our closed group Facebook page, Randolph-Macon Woman's College 1961 Friends. It is a great way to stay in touch, just post or share to your classmates only. Please keep your address, phone and email current. We, and the College, want to stay in touch. Don't become a lost classmate! The next notes are due to the College Dec. 3, 2021.

REUNION JUNE 2-5

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Sue Judkins Stewart and husband Jesse moved to a retirement community in Atlantic Beach FL. They enjoy biking and working out.

COVID cancelled the mini R-MWC reunion at the Outer Banks in both 2020 and 2021. While at a celebration of life for a friend, **Tidge Wetzel Roller** and husband Doug visited with Dr. Francis Collins, NIH head. Dr. Collins' father started Oak Grove Theater outside Staunton which led to Tidge and Doug's acting with Francis as teenagers. **Martha Ann Sewell Daily** and husband Tom moved to Deerfield retirement community in Asheville NC. She is teaching art classes, singing in the choir, enjoying being the villain in a play, and learning to play the dulcimer. **Jane Fenlon Rowe** and husband Pres celebrated their 60th anniversary. Daughter Peyton is a full professor and Interim Director of the Robertson School of Social Media and Culture at VA Commonwealth University. She was recognized as one of 6 distinguished faculty and received the Outstanding Term Faculty Award. Jane Fenlon Rowe, **Emily Sykes McDermott** and **Susan Addington Hutcheson** met at the home of **Win Sykes Koontz** '57 and husband Warren in July. Emily and husband John, both retired, have moved to Amherst MA to be near family. Daughter Katie McDermott, PhD from Yale, is Chair of the Department of Educational Policy, Research and Administration at U MASS Amherst. Granddaughter Charlotte graduated from Mount Holyoke College and is studying nurse midwifery at U of Penn. Grandson James is a freshman at Brandeis University. **Caroline Tatnall Ketcham** and Tom moved to the Eastern Shore MD 20 years ago. She enjoys her Peloton, quilting, jigsaw puzzles and reading. For 10 years she has served as trustee of The Tatnall School in Wilmington DE founded by her grandmother in 1930 when the school where she was teaching folded. Caroline sees **Anne Weeks Hancock**, **Perry Carter Craven** and **ME Wahrenbrock Hoinkes** at annual beach trips. Thank you to **Panthea Reid** for preparing our class notes for several years. Panthea returned to our transformed College to pursue the MFA in Creative Writing. After 2 years Panthea and the first MFA class graduated in June '20. Her thesis is a food memoir titled Sustained: True Stories of Love and Food with Recipes. **Gerry Zink Gray** reported that she and husband Sam were in Montana when COVID became a concern due to an immune system condition of Sam's. They raced home to Buzzards Bay MA and stayed busy with projects and long walks. **Carolyn Reeves Hally** and husband Dave joined them for a 10-day cruise on their sailboat Aug '20. Daughter Alicia and 2 granddaughters visited from San Francisco recently. Alicia's husband is a rocket scientist. His company went public

recently. Daughter Caroline, a social worker, lives in Cambridge, has a son 7. Gerry sees **Bette Pounders** and **Anne Luther von Rosenberg** frequently. **Guerry Matthews McConnell**, widowed 17 years ago, downsized and moved to an apartment in historic Jonesborough TN. Guerry enjoys activities including the Jonesborough Story Tellers Guild, cast member of the Storytown Radio Show which airs monthly on NPR affiliate in Johnson City, Arts Transforms program in a local school, the Tri-Cities Sierra Club and the Black-White Dialogue, a group that discusses racial issues. **Joanie Leverton Covell** and husband Mike stayed put during COVID and are doing well. Joanie enjoyed creative writing projects that evolved into 6 scripts of musical theater plays featuring family members. The plays included travel in a make-believe world to Europe and featured favorite destinations Italy, France, Czech Republic and the UK. She completed a series of oil paintings composed from photographs from a trip to France. **Jennifer Ellis McIntosh** transferred to Cal Berkeley and then UC San Francisco Medical Center where she received a BS in Physical Therapy. After several years of practice in Los Angeles, she moved to London and then to Durban South Africa. She practiced at McCord Zulu Hospital and learned the Zulu language in order to communicate with her patients. Returning to CA she married Jim, an electrical engineer with an MBA. They have travelled the world experiencing adventures including mountain climbing, scuba diving in Micronesia in sunken World War II Japanese ships and swimming with sharks. They have 2 sons both graduates of Duke. Scott, an MD lives in Park City UT and Kent is a full professor at U of Oregon. Susan Addington Hutcheson and husband Pete downsized in October '20 and moved to Cedarfield, a senior community in Richmond. As your class agent, I loved hearing from classmates and hope the next post card will produce even more responses. Our 60th Reunion is scheduled for June 2022 assuming it is safe to meet. Please give serious consideration for a Class of '62 Reunion gift to the College.

1963

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Vicky Neely Lanier has been playing online bridge and doing a lot of cooking, including making sourdough bread for the first time. She also planted a container herb garden on her balcony. Her Meyer lemon tree bore 12 lemons this year. **Tish Montague Grant** reports being

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vaccinated but no travel plans in the works. **Jane Forster Wacaster** also reports being vaccinated and spending a lot of time reading since they can't travel. She appreciates her liberal arts education. She heartily recommends two books by Isabel Wilkerson: *The Warmth of Other Suns* and *Caste*. Her primary entertainment has been cooking and working in the garden with husband Tom. In May Jane and Tom were in the Cades Cove area and came into Knoxville one afternoon for a visit with me, your class secretary, **Bettie Jones Corey**. We had a great time catching up! **Carolyn Thomas Vale** also reports being vaccinated so they began traveling again, starting their five-day drive from WY to VA. They are looking forward to spring in their VA garden. Just before the pandemic she found a Russian literature group in Jackson (shades of Russian lit with Dr. Kreusler). The group met only once due to COVID, but will begin again, she hopes, in the fall. She has spent her pandemic time reading and quilting, not doing the organizing she'd planned. **Patsy Derby Chaney** dealt with a health issue which began with fatigue and all-day sleepiness. The doctor said her blood test showed dangerously low sodium and sent her to the emergency room. Five days in the hospital with a sodium drip, support hose, and medication raised the level but still low. She warns us all that low sodium can have serious results: stroke, seizure, confusion. We are so glad you are feeling normal again, Patsy, and also, as you say, wiser. **Lynn Hardy Yeakel**, President of Vision 2020, sent information about Vision 2020's first Greater Philadelphia's City of Sisterly Love Celebration. It is a festive, four-day, outdoor, end-of-summer event August 26-29 with support of Drexel University, the City of Philadelphia, Visit Philadelphia, Kimmel Cultural Campus, Avenue of the Arts, and Ready. Set. Philly. It began on Women's Equality Day with Vision 2020's annual Toast to Tenacity, a live national webcast saluting the suffragists and other women leaders who have advanced women's progress. It was a full one-day street festival with women-themed booths and diverse musical entertainment. The celebration continued over Sisterly Love Weekend with arts and culture organizations, non-profits, restaurants, retailers hosting their own free or discounted events. **Barbara Mackowiak Harps** writes: "Soon I will celebrate my 80th birthday and I am sure my classmates have already done or will do this too. But this will be a special day because it is the first time in my life a party is being given for me, by a friend. I feel honored. Otherwise, the rate of COVID infections is low at the moment in Germany so things have gotten back to normal though one must still wear a mask when shopping or on public transportation." **Holley Leventhal Kilcullen** wrote "In early August we took a long weekend in Charlottesville,



Carolyn Burgess Featheringill '69 held the annual Birmingham R-MWC lunch at her home. (Standing, left to right) Becky Morrison Dunn '70, Isabeth Scripture Gannon '71, Julianne Low Venable '72 (sister of Betty Jean Low '69). (Seated, left to right) Anna Simmons Gainer '72, Carolyn Burgess Featheringill '69, Jane Powell Goings '70, Zanaida Griffin '73, and Anne Falkenberry Knight '70

where husband Peter attended undergraduate and law school, we browsed the grounds and shared happy memories. The next day we drove to Lynchburg and visited Randolph College; I hadn't been there since our 50th reunion and Peter hadn't been back since graduation. The corner now has a large Biergarten and at the other end, a deli/wine store -both with outdoor dining. The lovely women's clothes store, where **Diane Stubbs Gray** worked, is gone. But now there is The Victorian Hempy, a CBD hemp boutique!

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What a joy it is to receive photographs from classmates that range from ones of us dining with our dates at Senior Dinner Dance sent by **Laura Alford Cotts** to a photo taken by **Agnes Fitts Marshall** of Wisteria in bloom on her morning stroll! Who of us can forget the scent of those hanging blossoms on Main Hall's porch? These are our memories and they give so much delight. We celebrate the joy of growing up together. And we sadly record the passing of those who leave our midst. **Lynn Kehoe Rollins** and **Mary Allen Spector** wrote on the death of **Emma Jane Neelley Saxe** on 6/8/21 in Fairfax, VA from Alzheimer's disease. She and her husband Jeff moved to VA to work for The National Register of Historic Places. They were parents to two sons, Ben and Dan. Word came from **Jane Meredith Wolf '61** that **Muffie Moroney '65** died suddenly in Apr. 2021. To quote Jane, Muffie "was a real 'force of nature' in addressing social justice issues both in Texas politics and in the Episcopal Church. She mentored many in

both arenas; she will certainly be missed." The College Alumnae Office forwarded my emails regarding the deaths of **Susan Arrington Gilbert**, Georgetown, TX, Jan. 2021; **Dell Peek Rearden**, Atlanta, and **Kelly Donnelly Price**, Nashville, the two latter classmates died in Mar. 2021. I learned of others from **Sadie Spence Price**, **Ginny Ashley Gilbert**, and **Cathy Brown Roach** and am grateful. Some of you did not receive the email from the College because you elected not to receive electronic mail from the College. Please reconsider that request. **Polly Cummings Hussain** wrote: "This is my third rodeo with the cicadas, and I'm getting used to them. We've watched the bugs crawl out of their 'skins' after crawling up from the ground. We've seen more of the discards than the bugs. They're off to the trees for a time, however brief, of raucous, wild partying." She sent a photo of her grandson Parker sitting in the midst of hundreds of exoskeletons. **Emilie Mattesich** reported in April: "After I graduated from R-MWC with a major in art history I went to Salzburg and worked at the Salzburg Marionetten Theater as a puppeteer and scenery painter. I painted the scenes for the Don Giovanni production. While there I made lifelong friends at the theater. I also have many relatives in Austria (my father was Austrian and was a representative of the Austrian government in the U.S. hence the large family in Austria.)" Reporting on her travels back to Austria in recent years with **Mary Beveridge** to house-sit for a close friend in Salzburg, "We loved the animals and enjoyed living the life of Salzburg natives. Mary had majored in German, so her German is better than mine. Between the two of us we had a great time. Both Mary and I are sorry not to be making our annual sojourn to Austria." Mary lives in Iowa

and has an apartment in Providence RI, where she taught German for many years. She is now teaching German virtually for an organization in Providence. It has been so long since we were all together, but there are little clusters of contacts. Little by little those clusters are reaching out to other clusters and so we're rebuilding a web of relationships. If you did not participate in our class Zoom June 2020, it was just fantastic to get 20+ together and have almost each told about one or two more contacts. We hope to have such a virtual reunion again soon. Stay in touch.

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REUNION JUNE 2-5

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It seems like there is a recent surge of moving events in the Class of 1968. **Martha Lankford** put her house on the market in the summer with a plan to move to a retirement community. An opening at the community came quicker than expected so Marti had to move into high gear! As she functions in her "toss, store or donate" mode with downsizing, she hopes that this will also help her to assist her sister in the same process in the near future. **Barbara McCartney Kirkland** is singing the same tune, with downsizing to a smaller place for now to reap the rewards of a booming real estate market, and a retirement community later in her future. Barbara continues to work 2-3 days a month as a Nurse-Midwife but will officially retire from that at the end of 2021. Meanwhile she also works 25-30 hours/week as a Contact Tracer with the Virginia Department of Health and is training for her next career as a Medical Coder. As that unfolds, she has also resumed some fun "field trips" in the DC area with former roomie **Marilyn Hicks Fitzgerald** and husband Mike. The group visited the National Cathedral to view the exhibit "Les Colombes/

The Doves" which was a light and sound show built around several thousand white paper doves suspended in the Nave - ethereal and beautiful! Mike and Marilyn also visited Barbara in Woodstock, VA to attend the Shenandoah Valley Music Festival outdoors, stepping back in time with a concert by the Four Tops. **Barbara, Marilyn, Mary Scully Riley, Page Shields,** and **Lindsey Massie Huddle** have enjoyed an irregular schedule of Zoom sessions to stay connected during these trying times when travel and visits are so difficult. Page was able to carve out a family beach trip in summer 2021 and it was a welcome relief after all the Zooms and missed holidays together. Her daughter, Jane, has stayed with Page and her husband intermittently during the past year doing as so many have done in these times, working from her laptop anywhere she happens to be. Page, Mary, and Barbara also made a late July visit to the Museum of the Shenandoah Valley in Winchester to view the Norman Rockwell exhibit, walk the new Trails at the MSV, and enjoying catching up with each other over lunch. **Glenda Morris Rothberg** has reminded us that most of us will or have turned 75 this year - that's three quarters of a century, Ladies! She encourages everyone in the Class of 1968 to share their thoughts and feelings about this milestone. Fortunately, we are blessed with just the medium for that as we have an ongoing and active Class email group, facilitated by our own **Ondre Huston**. I encourage everyone to join the conversation! If you are not yet a part of our email group, just contact me at the email address above and I will get you in touch with Ondre. We all chat from time to time, not just when Class Notes are due! Our class has remained connected since we graduated and we are already looking forward to our 55th Reunion in 2023!

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Judy Dobbs has been sorting through household items, finding homes for old treasures. She stays busy with volunteer committee work, mostly virtual. A trip to the Adirondacks and a babysitting gig for her 3 yr. old granddaughter in Manhattan while her parents attended a wedding were summer highlights. **Chris de Vries Carlsten**, husband Jon and daughter **Broek Carlsten** '00 celebrated granddaughter Aurelia's 6th birthday in Charleston last spring. It had been a year since the last reunion with both

daughters. She and Jon split their time between Charleston, where she enjoys walking on the beach, and Decatur. They recently remodeled their GA condo to "accommodate my aging body." Chris has discovered a joyful outlet as a poet, collaborates with other writing friends, and is looking for a publisher of chap books. Sally Johnson Townley traveled to Greenville, SC for son Peter's wedding in August. She and husband Guy took their annual trip to CO last June. **Sabra Bissette Ledent** reports that **Suzu Gordon** has founded a lending library on Nevis, a first for the island and one of only a handful in the Caribbean. Additionally, Suzu's literary interests manifest as leader of a Zoom book group, comprised of 8 of our classmates. Books are read and discussed, of course, but exchanging news and bemoaning the state of US politics are part of the conversation. Sharing feelings and experiences has provided solace during these challenging times. **Joan Wickham Sugg** turned to pandemic book comfort as well, especially enjoying *The Last Tomb of King Arthur* by Graham Phillips which reveals the identity of the Romano-British soldier who fought against the Anglo-Saxons, c. 500 AD. as Artir (the Bear), Anglicized to King Arthur. Joan, an inveterate history and Classics student, has enjoyed *The Great Courses* DVD sets dealing with Biblical archaeology, history and primary sources. **Stuart Whittle** made a big life change last December, selling her home of 39 yrs. She and Saul now have a beautiful apartment overlooking the Charles River in Waltham. Fully vaccinated, they enjoyed a month-long road trip which included Asheville, Nashville, Cape May, NJ and Montauk, NY. They made stops in Roanoke to visit **Kathy Crockett Harrison** and in Asheville where **Sara Hill Lavelle '66**, **Ginger Worden's** sister, took them on a special tour of the Biltmore. Stuart and Saul avoided the interstates, traveling on scenic byways, including the Skyline Dr. and Blue Ridge Pkwy. An interesting aside, Stuart stays in touch with Ginger, and it turns out Stuart's bridge students include Geoff Worden's cousin. **Melissa Lewis Bernstein** is elated with NY's gradual return towards normal, with more dining options, limited in-person attendance at her church, and the gym reopening in her building. She's excited about City Ballet performances in the fall. Having missed a 2020 trip to France, Melissa was hoping to go on a trip to France in September, to visit with **Kathy Boschenstein** '80, as always. **Kathleen Patterson**, like many of us, having escaped COVID and fully vaccinated, is now able to see her children and grandchildren. **Katherine Kerr Memory** similarly weighed



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in, from the beach where she was with all her children and 7 grandchildren, claiming it doesn't get any better than that. **Maggie Ferris Harney** writes that she and husband Tom, since March 2020, when their church and Mary and Martha's Place were shuttered, have made Lake Toxaway, NC their primary residence, with monthly trips to Atlanta. Their "social life" has been mainly with their children and grandchildren, at their mountain home, in Asheville, or in Atlanta. After operating Mary and Martha's last year exclusively on Zoom, she is hoping it will reopen in Sept. with classes, workshops and fundraising events. Maggie's Toxaway garden, 19 yrs old, is thriving this summer, thanks to an abundance of rain and concentrated TLC. **Carolyn Burgess Featheringill** hosted her annual Birmingham Randolph-Macon lunch at her home last summer. Carolyn has had the event every summer for 25 yrs. **Linda Babcock Sorber** spent 3 wks at Hilton Head last spring, having missed fall and spring trips last yr. It was a quiet time, spent with long walks on the beach and on bike trails, immersion in books, crossword puzzles and sudokus, with a delightful evening at her favorite jazz venue. A busy fall was to include a week in Pagosa Springs, CO, 3 wks in Hilton Head, and an Oct. Viking

cruise from Amsterdam to Basel with 2 brothers-in-law and spouses. In July, **Nancie Newkirk Loppnow** and husband Don hosted a celebration of their 50th at Walloon Lake in northern MI. A boisterous rendition of "Sweet Caroline" recalled the Neil Diamond concert the night of their engagement ("So good, so good!") Nancie and Don stay busy keeping up with 4 grandchildren, 5 to 17, in Denver and Pittsburgh. **Mackie Snyder Kudravetz** wrote of her 2 group gallery shows and a solo show in the fall, scrambling a bit to get ready, busier than she's been in a while, but happy to be focused on what she loves. **Lucy Lacoste** sent me the link to her eponymous gallery's exhibit for July/August, Lily Fein and Josephine Burr: Articulating Space, a show by 2 women whom Lucy describes as "insightful artists who are making important contributions to the increasingly synergistic worlds of ceramics and sculpture." If you are in the Concord, MA area, do visit Lucy Lacoste Gallery. **Susan Prescott Little** is happy to report the arrival of her new granddaughter, Jean Louise Little, born to Joe and Meredith on April 20! Named for two amazing women, Mack's mother, Jean, and Meredith's great grandmother, Louise, Jeannie is a much blessed little girl. Susan and Mack have

loved seeing their son fall head over heels in love with baby Jeannie, and the cousins are entranced as well. Summer's harvest has been bountiful in NC: tomatoes, peaches, corn watermelon, okra, etc. Last summer, **Alison Igo Ash** had a surprise encounter with **Alice Harris** (whom she sees now and then) on the train platform in Northampton, MA. Alice was accompanying her grandson from CA who is visiting prospective colleges in the East. He was bound for Penn Station to meet his parents for a continuation of his college tour. Alison and Marshall were also on their way to NYC via the Vermonter. They rent an apartment near Lincoln Center and travel down every two weeks. As far as myself, **Sarah Beckham Howard**, many of you know about my physical ordeal that began May 3. What was to be a routine hip replacement spiraled into something far more challenging: a fractured femur is bad enough, but somehow I managed to break the femur a 2nd time. I expect to fully recover, but it will take time. I appreciate all your notes of concern and sympathy; we are the "joint prosthesis generation" -- my 4th replacement, all of which have been successful. **Anne Boyd Earle** (knee) and **Kathy Crockett Harrison** (hip) are among those of you who commiserated.

Elizabeth "Pinky" Blundell Carlton '63

Carlton, of Bedford, NY, passed away at age 78 on May 17, 2020. A loving and devoted grandmother, mother, wife, sister, daughter and friend, she earned her undergraduate degree at R-MWC before moving to Boston to start her advertising career. She married Richard E. Carlton, a partner at Sullivan & Cromwell LLP, who together raised two daughters. A dedicated, community volunteer and advocate for women and children's rights, Carlton was an active member of the Junior League of Westchester County and The United Way and served as a trustee emerita at the College. In 1979, she co-founded The Northern Westchester Shelter for Domestic Violence, one of the first shelters of its kind in Westchester County. As a trustee, Carlton served on many board committees, and co-chaired the campaign steering committee for the Vita Campaign. Carlton's generous unrestricted bequest to Randolph will support and underwrite the College's budgeted areas for international travel and experiential learning.

Sally Lee Schindel Cone '54

Cone died on Jan. 17, 2020 in Greensboro, NC. She was born in 1932 in Hagerstown, MD. After attending R-MWC, she transferred to the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill where she was a Phi-Beta Kappa and graduated in 1954 with a BA from the School of Education. She and her husband, Alan Cone, had two daughters. Cone was an English teacher before earning her Masters in library Education from UNC, Greensboro. She then served as a librarian and public information officer for the Greensboro Housing Authority. She served on the boards of numerous non-profit organizations including Planned Parenthood of North Carolina, North Carolina Center for Laws Affecting Women, and Family and Children's Service of Greensboro. In addition to serving as an emerita trustee for Randolph, she served on various governing board of institutions of higher education including Guilford College, University of North Carolina-Greensboro and The Theological Seminary in New York. Cone endowed the Ruth Borker Initiative Fund for Women's Studies at the College to encourage faculty to integrate gender related perspectives into the curriculum.



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Cheryl Abernathy, the longest-serving 50th Reunion Chair in R-MWC history, writes that we are going to try once again on the first weekend of June in 2022. It will be a cluster 50th reunion, as classes '71 and '72 will be there with us! Spring 2021 News: **Carol Haley** retired from Pfizer in 2019 and stays busier than ever with volunteer work, church work, and as a member of Randolph's Board of Trustees. She is editing a book on Global Health Security. Carol stays in touch with **Cathy Cuneo Turpin, Stacy DeLano '71, Veronika Redmann '06, and Lorena Kern '72.** Karen Newman and her husband returned from Paris to Gloucester on March 7, 2020, thanks to a tip from a friend, and were fortunate enough to be next door to and "in a bubble" with their daughter and grandchildren. **Meg Boykin Kimmel** retired from Davidson in 2011 and bounced right into a post-retirement job at Bates College and returned to NC in 2015 where she hung out her Kimmel Communications shingle. **Kathy Bowden Shields** spent the first year of COVID avoiding disasters, first the wildfires in CA and then the big freeze in Texas. More Recent News: **Pat Aron** loves retirement and continues to do social justice work. In alliance with the Congolese diaspora, she founded Congo Action Now to work for peace and justice in the Democratic Republic of Congo. She is also active in the Massachusetts Poor Peoples' Campaign. Her most exciting personal news is that she recently became a grandmother. **Becky Malone West's** husband, Dave, died in July from Chronic Heart Disease ten days shy of their 34th wedding anniversary and only a few months after moving to their new home near Griffin, Georgia. **Karen Newman** and husband Tom finally got back to their apartment in Paris in June for a few weeks before returning to Gloucester for the summer where they enjoyed a visit from **Janie Ligon** in August. Janie Ligon relocated from San Francisco to Williamsburg, VA, but then spent most of 2020 and half of 2021 in lockdown in London with her daughter and grandsons. **Nancy Roberson Healy** writes that her husband, Bo, is doing very well health-wise, while both are dealing with the ever-changing end date of a kitchen remodel. **Jennie McClellan Hyman** sees **Sally Abrams Dean** via Zoom and in-person thanks to her book group. She hopes the third time will be the charm and that she & Tom will finally get to Alaska in

May of 2022. They did get to Winston-Salem this June to keep their grandchildren while their daughter and son-in-law went away to celebrate her 40th birthday. Sally Abrams Dean was thrilled to welcome her first grandchild, Fiadh Carolan Dean, in March. Fiadh is an old Irish name and the "dh" is now silent. **Kathryn Cornett Heekin** let us know that her husband, Daniel M. Heekin II, died in 2001. Kathryn retired from private practice as a psychologist in Chicago in 2012 and moved to Kingston, NY, to be near her two children and their families. She is happy to report that she loves her life in the Hudson Valley. Cathy Cuneo Turpin is happy to be returning to some pre-pandemic activities and is looking forward to traveling to Maui for her son's wedding and spending more time with her daughter and 3 grandchildren. **Susan Webb Russell** writes that life is still good despite all of the severe effects of rheumatoid arthritis that have plagued her over the past years. After retiring, she took on several volunteer jobs which keep her busy and involved. She and husband Walter are looking forward to a post-pandemic return to things they enjoy, such as live theater, travel, and spending time with their three sons and four grandchildren. **Patricia Bennett-Forman** feels privileged to serve as the 2021-2023 Washington State president of DKG, an honor society for women educators, where Pat is particularly engaged in advocacy work. **Pam Steele Tabbaa** writes that she has been married 41 years and has 3 children and one granddaughter, born in March 2020, and a grandson on the way in November. She is now retired from a curatorial museum career and lives in Ann Arbor, MI, and Dinard, France. **Rosalind Smith Daniels** was thrilled to send two of her wall quilts to the American Embassy in Djibouti as part of the State Department's Art in Embassies program. Her piece, Right Matters, is on display at the National Quilt Museum in Paducah, Kentucky, as part of the Modern Quilt Guild's Retrospective. **Quay Dortch** "sort of" retired from NOAA, but came back as a consultant. Her office manages funding for research on harmful algal blooms, such as the red tide now affecting Florida so badly. During the pandemic, Quay and Ben moved into Takoma Village co-housing in Washington DC. Takoma Village is an intentional, multi-generational, urban community that fosters mutual support and cooperation.

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The Class of 1971 50th reunion was a blast. Even COVID-19 could not destroy our Vita abundantior moments. We enjoyed Zoom meetings, virtual special College programs and our final "Raise a Glass" to our great Class and Achievement Award's program honoring our own very talented and accomplished classmate, **Louisa Branscomb**. We want to thank everyone who participated in our Reunion, writing biographies for our 50th Reunion booklet and giving Reunion gifts. The staff of the Office of Alumnae and Alumni deserves praise for getting our Reunion Committee together, listening to ideas, planning and presenting programs. Thank you to everyone on our Reunion Committee (**Debbie Ward Heritage, Karen Russell, Sarah Morris Gavin, Fran Taber, Elizabeth Grimm, Allison Gulick Muller, Julie Huston Ellis, Susie Witter, Linda Duke Weistroffer, Carol Aderholdt Widmeyer, Laurie Groner Tillett, Elizabeth Herbert Cottrell, Dorothy Shaw and Louisa Branscomb**) for brainstorming and helping with contacting classmates. A special thank you goes to Debbie Ward Heritage for agreeing to be our Reunion leader and hosting Class Zoom meetings. Classmates enjoyed the Zoom chats and requested more of them leading up to our campus Reunion in June 2022. Another thank you goes to **Stacy DeLano** for hosting a Zoom fun brunch from her home in Lisbon Portugal. As you know, our Class is amazing. We donated \$157,666 for our Class gift with 46% participation. As part of our Class gift, Elizabeth Herbert Cottrell sent in a check for \$530 that classmates donated during our 45th Reunion to help other classmates with travel expenses. It was decided to use it in memory of our deceased classmates. Fran Taber, Julie Huston Ellis, Allison Gulick Muller, and Dick Blackburn (**Nancy Craig Blackburn's** husband) volunteered match donations to boost our total Class gift. Besides Reunion news, we received some notes from classmates. Laurie Groner Tillett like most of us has been living in isolation. She planned a beautiful vacation to Barcelona which was cancelled by COVID. Laurie's home mission was to get as many citizens vaccinated in her little Florida town by getting their EMTs to go to senior living communities since many residents were having trouble navigating the online/telephone appointment systems. Does this sound familiar? From the 55+ communities, they branched out to condos/mobile home parks and held vaccination clinics at two black churches on Sundays. Hallelujah! It was successful. Governor DeSantis should hire Laurie as Chief Vaccination Planner for the State of Florida. Carol

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Aderholdt Widmeyer and husband Bob received their second vaccination at UNC-CH in March. As they were leaving, Carol remembered all the wonderful times taking her parents to the Living Legends programs at UNC. Bob responded "and now darling, you are one of those legends." Carol's children and grandchildren are spread out from Houston to Raleigh to Baltimore to Boston. Carol keeps up with **Linda Pound Coyne** with long phone calls to solve world problems. Linda Pound Coyne shared some good news that she has a new grandson. **Sarah Rouse Sheehan** received her vaccination shots in DC. She kept busy during COVID with Zoom watercolor classes from the Alexandria Art League, reading lots of crime novels, crossword puzzles, and taking daily 2-mile walks in her DC neighborhood. Sarah and husband Pat went on a trip to Montana in June. It was refreshing and eye opening observing COVID protocols in air travel and hotel stays. **Elizabeth (Betsy) Krome** and husband Bob received their vaccination shots in NC. They are living in Chapel Hill 75% of the time. They visited Chapel Hill to help out with their new grandson Neil and stayed for a year as hands on grandparents for Neil and granddaughter, Mira. **Susan Ohman Baldwin** had a tough year in 2019. Susan and husband Bill retired from their life of art/craft shows due to a very bad accident. Susan fell down her back steps and broke her neck. She was airlifted to Richmond and operated on at VCU. After 2 months, she returned to Lynchburg for another month of rehab. COVID was the final straw since all craft shows were cancelled in 2020. She is grateful that she had the opportunity to live life doing what she loved for 50 years. Debbie Ward Heritage celebrated the end of isolation with a girlfriends trip to the Outer Banks and a family reunion. **Gail Egan Niermeyer** will continue to be our Class Agent. Debbie and Karen volunteered to be your class secretaries for the next 5 years. We are willing to continue until you decide to kick us over the Red Brick Wall. We communicate through emails so if you are not getting our requests for information, please update your email address through the College. We welcome comments, stories, book recommendations and any life adventures. We hope to see you next year at the triple threat Reunion at the College with the classes of 1970, 1971 and 1972.

REUNION JUNE 2-5

1972

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Ann Sturgis Coates wrote that she is so disappointed that she won't be able to attend our Reunion. Her youngest niece is getting married June 4. She said she really hated to miss the



1975: (Left to right) Connie Ness DuPre, Lisa Clow Sutton, and Carole Steinheimer Brand on the front porch of the DuPre home in Greenville, SC

group of classes we will be there with. **Laura Bullock Crumbley** added that she is excited to be with the '70 and '71 class clusters, too. As most of you know because Ann keeps us up on her business, an art gallery and wine "gallery". She said that her business has had a totally different 16 months and she's not out of the woods as she'd hoped by now. She was able to sell wine online and deliver during the close down. Her customers liked the service and the 20% discount! She also had 8 shows with virtual openings and appointments for viewing. Selling wine made hers an essential business! Of course, she was! Her gallery, Bishop's Stock, opened 3 days a week in Nov. and now it's back to 5 days with returning to masks. I love going to her gallery's website bishopsstock.com and seeing all her gallery has to show. Check it out! Ann had some health scares in 2021, but is fully recovered and feels extremely lucky. She mentioned this to send all of us the message not to ignore our bodies' warning signs. She did not and is doing great! **Lorena Kern** wrote that all is okay with her in NYC. Her hearings have resumed, but all on Zoom. It is a bit weird, but works. If she can continue to do hearings in NYC or on Zoom, she'll keep working. However, she has decided that she will no longer travel for work, except for cases in CA! The reason is her family is in LA - brother Rene, wife Nancy and nephew Charles. She visited them in July for 10 days, after not seeing them in a year and a half. She said it felt like a lifetime. She had a great time and mainly hung around the pool. She called it "perfect" and hopes to go back soon. It was with great sadness that **Debbie Clark** wrote of the death of her mother, **Alyce Cunningham Clark** '42. She died 4/25/2021 at the age of 101. Alyce came to our last reunion and Debbie was hoping

for another one! She remained sharp to the end and was only in the hospital 4 days. In January Debbie had one knee replacement and a second one July 29. She said recovery has been a long process. In May, her church celebrated its 150th anniversary and she was on the history committee. In spite of the knee replacements, this summer Debbie did lots of story hours at the library, taught vacation Bible School to preschool and Kindergarten, and took water aerobics. She will be recovered and ready for our 50th! As a note, it was a joy for all of us to stay on the hall with Alyce Clark at our 45th. She was a delight and just amazing. Debbie had her sister with her to help and she was a joy, too. Love those Clark girls! **Sally Buttner** was just back from a week visiting her son in CA. This was her first in-person visit in almost 1 1/2 years. It was the best birthday present ever! Meanwhile at home, she continues her environmental advocacy and earth care work at her church. She broke a rib when she fell while hiking. It will definitely be healed by our 50th. She sent her love to everyone! **Juliette Ezzell Grumley** and husband Paul flew to New Mexico so Paul could have his photo taken with their son Miller and grandson Max as they began their trek at Philmont Scout Ranch. Afterwards, they spent several weeks touring national parks in southern Utah and the Grand Canyon North Rim. Juliette said there were lots of other tourists, but it was so good to see appreciation of the USA. They enjoyed a 24 hour visit from their kids (minus one son-in-law) and all 7 grandchildren. The oldest will be a college freshman and had not yet met the youngest born Election Day, 2020. Juliette ended with the hope that we will all celebrate our 50th in-person! **Cathy Simmons Brookman** is still in private practice and started seeing people in

person after a year (vaccines required) and she likes it so much better than remotely. Also, daughter Catherine was recently awarded a MacDowell fellowship in music composition. The MacDowell Award is for excellence in seven domains of art also including literature, visual arts, architecture, film/video, and theater. Recipients are invited to the MacDowell property in Peterborough, NH, where they can work in the company of peers. Catherine is going for a six-week period early next year. As you may remember Cathy was very famous for her ALC (African Love Call) as her type of music composition. The ALC will be heard once again at the 50th! Don't miss it.

Jane Matthews Ashman said being retired means you don't have to check email frequently! However, she got my plea and sent a good report. The RV saga continues! At the end of May they jumped back into their vacay RV home, "Gotta Go," (GiGi for short) and hit the casinos on Gulf Coast! They won a little, but instead of donating, they headed for the MI/IN line. Why, you may ask? It happens that in the little town of Topeka, IN, Amish Family RV, owned by Orvan Fry, does amazing upgrades to Cedar Creek RVs! So they rented a lake cabin while Fry did the work. She was super-duper pleased! Then they got bad news that her mother-in-law had a stroke at 92, so they raced home. She had a great life living as she wanted, but all good things come to an end. Most of you by now understand all the loose ends, therefore, Jane has remained at home since. However, a small window has opened so they are hitting the road for Desoto State Park on the AL/GA line in the mountains! Jane said that the Florida heat index in the 100s is brutal! They planned to head for the Great Smokies in October to see fall leaves. Thankfully, they are fully vaccinated and she ended her report with "we have decided to live our best lives going for Vita abundantior!" As I mentioned to her, there is plenty of parking on campus for the RV at our 50th! **Martha Delaney** remarked that it's hard to believe that our 50th Class Reunion will be next year. It only seems like yesterday when we all graduated from R-MWC as 22 year olds looking to make a name for ourselves out beyond the Red Brick Wall. Because of COVID-19 she has been leading a pretty low key life for the past year and a half. A bike and barge trip down the Rhine River in France that she had planned with friends has been postponed for the past two years. They were originally scheduled to go in May 2020 which had to be rolled over to May 2021, but it didn't happen this year either. Hopefully 2022 will be a better year for traveling for all of us! She recommended a novel for us by

Joyclyn Tussey (JT) Ellison '91 called Good Girls Lie. The author used her time at R-MWC as inspiration for her novel. It's about an all-girls boarding school in Marchburg, VA with mentions of the secret societies, curly stairs, Main Hall, the Dell, etc. It's a murder mystery and a quick summer read for the beach. I told you last time that I have had phone conversations with **Stuart Tuggle Harkleroad**, who lives in Machesney Park, IL. She recently spoke to me of her husband Roland's illness, hospitalization, and death this past May. It has been a tough time for her and her family. I didn't give y'all much time before the deadline to email me, but the short notice worked because I got good material. Hope to hear from more of you before the next deadline. I've mentioned before that I have had a weekly Zoom meeting with six classmates. One great piece of news is that Debbie Carson is planning to come to the USA in the fall and all of us will meet in West Virginia after 2 ½ years of being apart. We are all driving to our destination. On our reunion committee so far are **Jane Hamrick Blas**, Laura Bullock Crumbley, Martha Delaney, and me. If you are willing to help us, please email the college at reunion@randolphcollege.edu. If there is any particular thing you want to see or do or eat when you come to Reunion, please let the College know. They'll have dirt pudding! Thanks for your continued help and support. Stay safe and well and remember 72 is the new 50 in 2022!

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Hello, R-MWC Class of '73! **Brenda Ray Martin** and I, **Clare Portlock McAdams**, took this job as co-class secretaries during a meeting over our 45th reunion weekend. We were going to have a training session back at the College some months afterwards. Unfortunately we both had conflicts in our schedules. We did write letters to the class in our first submission asking for not only information on your lives but also for favorite books read, movies watched, places visited, etc. We also wrote of our delight in reuniting with many classmates during that 45th reunion. I received my first 1973 response to class notes from **Rhett Taylor** last June. Thank you Rhett! She emphatically wanted to hear more about our class. Please friends and classmates do send a short or long update on yourselves. The way it works is you send an email to Brenda or myself at 1973@randolphcollege.edu! They automatically

forward it to us. We will compile all info forwarded to us. I do want you to know I spoke at length with **Phebe Williamson Wescott '78** who is the retiring Director of Alumnae and Alumni Relations. She could not have been a more helpful soul to boost my desire to connect with you all more effectively. Thank you Phebe for your beautiful service to our College. She suggested we encourage all of our class to come to the 50th Reunion in 2023. She also said we would be treated like queens! My last comment in this bulletin is that any suggestion you have for our being more easily accessible, please do give us your thoughts. And also if you have a picture to share from your days at R-MWC or a more recent fun photo to share, please send it along. Phebe said those add a great deal to the notes. Blessings to you all, Clare. Hello there, R-MWC Class of '73. For those of you who don't remember me, I, Brenda Ray Martin, was at R-MWC for 2 years before transferring to UNC Chapel Hill. I was Clare Portlock's roommate, first in Bell Hall and then on 2nd floor Main. I have many fond memories of that time! As Clare said, we happily agreed to be class secretaries at our last reunion in 2018. We were having great fun that night, so I think it might have been in a moment of weakness, but nevertheless, with great enthusiasm. We had truly hoped to hear from some of you after our first submission to the bulletin and were disappointed that we got no responses. Until now, we had been a little uncertain about this role, but as Clare noted, the college has come up with a very streamlined process for alumni updates. Clare and I have rekindled our original hope to hear from at least some of you, especially since our 50th reunion is in the not so distant future. So please send an update on your lives! I'll end this with an update on me. I retired recently as a nurse after many years spent working in public health and nephrology. Husband Alex and I have 3 children, 2 in NC, but our youngest lives all the way in California. COVID has obviously made contact with family difficult over the past 18 months, but happily I can say our son Charlie donned a mask and flew home in late July for the first time since Dec. 2019. I was absolutely ecstatic about the visit, especially since it coincided with my 70th birthday. We also have 6 grandchildren who are our greatest delight! I was recently in Nags Head and had a quick visit with **Phyllis Goodwin Neal '73**, who also transferred to UNC. Phyllis has two children and three beautiful grandchildren. Phyllis just retired after many years in banking. For you readers, my cousin recently loaned me the book Under Magnolia: A



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Southern Memoir by **Frances Mayes** '62. I had no idea that the author of *Under the Tuscan Sun* was an R-MWC alum, but thoroughly enjoyed reading her memoir, including her time at our alma mater. I hope all of you have survived this challenging time with COVID and that you and your families have remained healthy. I'm sure we all share the same hope that life can soon once again return to whatever is "normal" for each of us. Best wishes to all of you. Brenda.

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Mary Borden Currin reported: "My husband and I are happy to have moved from Raleigh to the slower pace of Washington NC. Here we can enjoy our retirement and daily look out over the Pamlico River. We can jump in our boat and fish any day we want, or enjoy coffee or wine in the rockers on our porch." **Franny Munier Ziegler** reported: "I work as a bookseller in an Independent Bookshop on Cape Cod. We recently hosted a virtual event with author **Angel Ellis Khoury** '76 about her recent novel *Between Tides*. During our time in the virtual green room I discovered that she attended R-MWC and overlapped my time there for a couple of years. *Between Tides* is beautifully



Pam Soper Schwab '75 celebrates July 4 with her five granddaughters.

written and takes place on Cape Cod and the Outer Banks."

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The pandemic could not deter our class from 2021's virtual reunion. Via Zoom, we shared

memories of college days and remarkable stories of the people we have become. "Lost" classmates were found by the reunion committee: **Zara Husain Marian, Margaret Wells Hayslip, Pam Edwards Morgan, Sally Gaede Clauss, BJ Bosman Hatley, Marsha Taylor Pepper, Beth Barnes Nichols, and Lisa Clour Sutton.** **Pam Edwards Morgan** shared that evacuation from wildfires is now part of living in the Sierra

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(Left to right) Marta Ruggles '82, Fran Ruggles Albro '78, Leighton Clarke Krips '78, Phebe Williamson Wescott '78, and Holly Babb Brown '78 had a great time together on Lake Winnepesaukee in NH last August.

Foothills, where she and husband James Gallagher had "front row seats" to several fires contained by volunteer firefighters and the CA Forestry service. **Margaret Wells Hayslip** wrote: "It was such a pleasure to reconnect through the reunion committee and activities: Zoom explorations of the art collection and history since Louise Jordan Smith. Summer in Albuquerque, NM brings monsoon rains and snakes. My daughter Katie moved to Hong Kong last year; we joined her recent wedding via Zoom at 2 a.m.! The newlyweds visited us (husband Warren, son Greg, grandson Jimmy); then off to Amsterdam to see Rogier's family. I still enjoy teaching English online to Chinese students via VIPKID. Life is good!" **Liisa Blank Spinello** writes, "It was great to see and talk to all during Reunion. In May, I met **Debbie Green Watson** '73 and **Jarisse Gennari Sanborn** '73 in Myrtle Beach for a week at a beautiful beach condo. On Pawleys Island, we hung out with **Belinda Morris Friedrich** '73 and husband Karl. Awesome trip!" As a member of the Florida Crisis Response Team, Liisa assisted victims, family and survivors of the Surfside building collapse in Miami... "One of the most important things I have ever done." Liisa observed they were the strongest, most resilient, amazing people she'd ever met. "I loved every minute I spent with them." **June Bredahl Hudnall** now lives outside Boston in a senior apt, after selling their home last year. She earned a degree in fashion design ("lots of fun"), then pursued an MBA. She has always worked in banking, now doing mortgage originations. Her 3 children are grown and busy with careers. She has 2 precious grandchildren, Jack and Juliana and does a lot with daughter, Brittany, including a recent week in Hilton Head. "Best wishes to all!" **Pam**

Soper Schwab shared that she was finally able to get together July 4 with all her grandchildren - 5 girls! "I still do financial support for my husband's building business. We're completing a subdivision, then hope to scale down work and move toward retirement." From **Joan Towles Matthews**: "This year has been colored by the Jan. death of my mother **Elizabeth Starr Towles** '53. A wonderful mother, delightful, generous Southern lady and friend to many, she is missed every day. Son Will and wife Lisa live in Maitland, FL. He's an attorney, she's a pediatric nurse. So thankful for their 2020 wedding in Vero Beach FL, the last 'event' before COVID lockdowns. Also great to see **Zoleta Courtney Stefansson** and husband Karl, **Sandra McFarland Garbisch** '76 and husband Norb at the wedding! Son Andrew Michael returned to London after COVID restrictions extended his US stay. His startup provides reusable containers for consumer food and restaurant carryout. Joan's work as a Senior Attorney at the FL Dept of Agriculture and Consumer Services for 3 years includes conservation easements, real estate, water and restoration projects. "Great fun staying in touch with **Lisa Watt Wilson**, who I hope to see more of now that her son and family are in Alabama." Lisa Wilson sends a shout out for the e-Reunion: "You did a fantastic job and I want to thank you so much for bringing us together. My special appreciation to Sally Gaede Clauss for tracking me down in Idaho, encouraging me to come and join everybody. She reminded me of 'The Women,' our sophomore class play. I had a fantastic experience as a delegate to the World Shakespeare Congress, where Luminary **Kathy Phares Farris** '74 presented a paper on 'Twelfth Night.' Planned for Singapore, COVID restrictions

drove a virtual Congress via Zoom." **Connie Ness DuPre**, husband Henry and son Drew hosted **Carole Steinheimer Brand**, husband Nick, Lisa Cloar Sutton and husband David for dinner in their Greenville, SC home in June. The food was fabulous and the company was exceptional. Since July's visit with **Betsy Parrish Howard**, Carole's new car sports an R-MWC decal! Lisa Cloar Sutton, husband David, Marsha Pepper, husband Steve and daughter Rachel attended the Van Gogh immersive exhibit in Charlotte in July ... "an awesome display of technology bringing art to life." **Jan Stewart Hoffberger** writes, "I have been faring pretty well during the pandemic, all things considered. We have kept our younger daughter and her family in our "safe pod," so I continue to enjoy time with her 2 boys. I hope to safely visit my older daughter and her family in Denver soon - we stay in touch with weekly Zoom visits and periodic Zoom bedtime stories for now. I volunteer on grant review committees with the Community Foundation of Anne Arundel County to keep myself a bit involved in the larger world. Husband David has continued to work fulltime as an essential employee at the Naval Academy, which has had its challenges through all this, but he enjoys the work." Your secretary thanks all who participated in the Reunion. "We should have a real, onsite 50th in 4 years. If you're still 'lost' to the College, send me your contact info and stay in touch!"

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Wynne Stuart reports: "I had such a fun time at the '76 Zoom chat at the end of Feb. Although I had to hop onto a family event, I heard some news and enjoyed seeing familiar faces. I am also so happy to say that as of March 2021, one young friend of ours, **Robert Bailey** '24, a 2020 graduate of Monticello High School in Charlottesville, had a successful first semester at Randolph College and decided to remain remote for the rest of the year, removed from the stress of COVID in the College environment. And at the same time, we have the great news that his sister **Elizabeth Bailey** '25 entered Randolph in the fall with a Presidential scholarship, which she accepted at the end of February. We are very happy that both of them chose Randolph and cheer their success."

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Martha Hamblin '78 with her SciFest 2021 Pi Run t-shirt

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Here is only some news from our "Zoomunion."
Holly Babb Brown volunteers at Saco River Wildlife Center and Grammy Rose Dog Rescue. Daughter Kimberly is in Palo Alto earning her PhD in Clinical Psychology. **Beth Cheney** retired in 2013 from IBM in Raleigh. She volunteered at a vaccination site and planned to visit family in FL. **Cynthia Hrushka Shelton**, Gulf Shores AL joined us from her camper on a trip with husband and dogs! **Anne McBride** loves her job and having her daughter, who's working full time while getting her MBA, move back home. **Russell Willis Taylor** said lockdown didn't change their lifestyle in the Scottish Highlands as they were already living at a slower pace. She does some consulting work for government agencies on cultural and inclusion policies. **Leighton Clarke Krips**, Sterling VA has loved being a high school SPED Assistant for 14 years. She has 3 daughters, one married in August, and 8 grandchildren. She's been anxious to travel to meet her newest grandbaby! **Pam Martin Mills** and husband in East Windsor NJ have 4 children - 1 son a mechanical engineer in Richmond, 1 daughter a PhD working in northern NJ and 2 more who are living at home. She enjoyed a long term high school sub position in physics. **Robin Chambers Dixon** sees husband Earnie more now: he's retired and not traveling! She has a consulting business which does training and investigations on workplace harassment. Daughter Merry is an animal science researcher for Merck. **Sara Saltmarsh's** law practice was especially busy this year and she's an adjunct professor at UT law school. She volunteers as a



Class of '78 "Zoomunion"

costumed interpreter at Pioneer Farms Museum. Son Donald Saltmarsh '16 is an attorney in DC. **Fran Ruggles Albro** is semi-retired working part time as a hospice chaplain. In 2019 she took an "incredible trip to Israel." **Ashley Clark Cockerill** and husband still live in TX where she is retired after 28 years working with semiconductors and nanotechnology. She now enjoys writing romance novels published as ebooks on Amazon. **Lucy Gerald Cook** and husband Charlie bought a house in Harpswell ME with a fabulous bay view. **Beth Shinn Kempe** still sells real estate in Atlanta; the market has been crazy during COVID. Her 2 sons work in Atlanta and her daughter works in DC for the British Embassy. Two of **Eileen Miggins Hohlt's** kids are married and each has a baby. Annie, her youngest, has a Masters in music but is now considering med school. Eileen says to please call if you are ever in Houston! **Robyn Walsh McNeil** and husband Tim in Phoenixville PA are celebrating their 40th in October. They have 2 sons and 2 grandkids. She is retired from a career in computer program design. After volunteering at a homeless shelter she now has a deeper understanding of how a simple turn of events can leave a person in a desperate situation. Look for Robin's R-MWC photos on her FB page. **Martha Hamblin** is Senior Director of HR at a wholesale ornamental grass nursery in NC. She, Eileen Miggins Hohlt, and Anne McBride reconnected online for a mini memorial for **Ann Davis** who passed away of breast cancer in June 2020 after defying the odds for a long time. **Phebe Williamson Wescott** retired after 27 years in the Alum Office, the last 5 as Director. She enjoyed working at RC which is "still such a loving community." Son Ben, wife and infant daughter live in Atlanta, and daughter Jennie, husband and toddler son live in Downingtown PA. **Donna Price Tibbs'** husband E.C. retired in June. She retired as a CPA in Irvington VA in 2018, so that they could live together full-time, after 12

years of only weekends! Now they spend most of their time on the Rappahannock River with trips home to Forest to see grandchildren. **Milyn Jordan** is still in Alexandria VA working full time at home. She wrote: "My garden has flourished during the pandemic, and I am grateful for it and the friendship of neighbors throughout the constraints of 2020, as well as for Zooms with more distant friends. My dog has been my greatest companion. Planned trips were cancelled, but I visited my mother and family in Texas periodically. I am ready to be out and about, including a visit to our beloved Randolph. I'm hoping my fellow alums are well and content despite the challenges of the last many months." From Hong Kong, **Josephine Pinto** wrote in April, "I am well, but it has been difficult in HK during the protests since June 4, 2019....and thereafter with COVID along with the rest of the world." Times unfortunately are still tough for many, so let's try to join together more on future Zooms and connect on our class FB page www.facebook.com/groups/RMWC78 or randolphconnect.com!

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Jodi Boston Zipp is excited about getting back to her Michigan summer house—just down the street from **Sue Danin Dickey's**. "Amazing what the universe sends you—we reconnected but made better friends than we ever were at R-MWC. She's such fun and good company. Happy about newfound freedom after vaccinations. Still grieving our precious, brilliant, talented, charismatic Jane Ashley—probably always will as I will for my darling O.G." **Mitzi Smith Price** is doing well and staying busy assisting aging parents and new grand babies. **Chris Gallant Dewing** has seen quite a few changes these past few years.

After a heart attack at 60 and re-evaluating, she left Smithfield VA in Sept 2018 and moved back to CT (accompanied by daughter **Libby Dewing '11**). The goal was to sell her house in VA and buy her mom's home in CT so that mom could move to assisted living. Plans changed for Chris when in Nov 2018 she lost sight in her left eye abruptly and plans to work as a nurse in CT went awry. By pandemic shutdown Chris had retired. As her house is still for sale, she and Libby are still bunking in with Mom, 87, and slowly reclaiming garden space from wildly overgrown grape and bittersweet vines. Libby has been a godsend as their minion, doing the shopping and errands. Her sons are all still living in Tidewater. Neal is at EVMS working procurement, wife Rachel is doing graphic design from home. Rob is cartooning for commissions, Christopher has worked at a local vineyard for 4 years now, and Patrick is currently looking for work. The 3 boys are living together in large Victorian, known as "the frat house!" She has been able to see her siblings who are in her bubble, one nice thing about moving back. Other than obsessively watching gardening videos on YouTube, and ordering way more garden stuff than Libby thinks they need, life is quiet. Chris is looking forward to spring and gently walking a trail or two! **Nani Broadbent-Yale** has seen life in England change in many ways this year. She and husband Philip have retired, with travel plans booked to take them to Ireland, France and Italy before COVID. The VW Campervan was pulled into the garage, only to surface for a few summer outings. Her retirement from primary school teaching was well planned, as teaching has been transformed during the pandemic! Her mother-in-law has been with them for nearly a year, so Nani's caring skills have been put to good use. Her children both are able to work from home and live within 45 minutes away. Nani has a studio set up and plans to spend a lot more time creating in the year to come. They grew vegetables galore last year and will do the same this year. Looking forward to the time when they can travel around England again in the camper. Europe is still out of the question sadly. As for me, **Sally Martin Hall**, here in central Texas, the February winter storm was devastating. With no electricity for 15 days, we used our generators to keep our home warm and our water well working. Many neighbors were living in freezing conditions, and we had some friends stay with us for about 5 days. I lost most of my plants in the greenhouse, and many of the animals (deer and goats, in particular) couldn't take the freezing temps either. Daughter Emily and family had electricity but no water for 8 days.

Our grandkids Travis and Bebe (5) and Teddy (3) thought it was a grand adventure because they had another family staying with them so there were always playmates. It was a crazy time! On February 24, I headed to south Texas where our new granddaughter Julia Dee was born. I took care of proud big sister Corry Ann (3) for 9 days because Julia had reflux problems and was in the NICU in San Antonio. All is well now. Let's continue to stay in touch!

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What a year we've all had! I'm fully immunized and am hoping for a Moderna booster as I have a compromised immune system, thanks to the brain surgeries & radiation that destroyed my pituitary gland. BTW, you did not disappoint when I pleaded for any news about you & your family. With less than a week's notice, I heard from 12 of you. I then had 4 days to edit & compile all of the information. Here it is: **Anita Bagot Brearton** reports she is as busy as ever. She's the founder & CEO of a tech startup in the marketing space. The company, CabinetM, is "currently crowdfunding an equity round to help the business scale." All the details can be found at www.wefunder.com/cabinetm. On the family front, her husband, Ian, is at Boston University running entrepreneurship programs and teaching entrepreneurship; 4 of her 5 children have followed her into the tech world, one of which is in Estonia running a venture-backed AI startup. **Beth Bentley**: I've been teaching MELT Method classes on Zoom. The silver lining is being able to teach some classmates who live far from Jersey City. I completed my Yoga Teacher Training in June and did a practice teaching session with Anita Bagot Brearton. Several pieces of my artwork have been in virtual shows. **Diana Blackwell** took a job in Riyadh as Sr. VP/Advisor to the Director of Corporate Communications at the Public Investment Fund, the kingdom's sovereign wealth fund. In 2019, she fulfilled a long-held dream: buying an Art Deco home in GA designed by Edward D. Stone, the principal architect of Radio City Music Hall who also worked on the Museum of Modern Art. When back in the States, she plans to divide her time between this 1937 house & her 1905 SC home -- plus an apartment in Rome, Italy. **Robin Glick Baum**: After many yrs., I'm very happy to be back in Westminster, MD, where I grew up. I live in an independent living apt. I had three

meningiomas removed between 2008 and 2010. I have both physical and cognitive deficits due to the golf ball-sized tumor on the left side of my brain and the tennis ball-sized tumor in my frontal lobe. I help out with a variety of things that support daily life here in independent living. I keep in touch with **Caren Smith Dubay** throughout the year and keep up with others on Facebook. It has been great to see classmates on recent Zooms hosted by the college. There haven't been many, but I hope that these will occur more often and hope more people will participate. Back in March, I participated in President Bateman's College Update & Ivy Society Recognition Zoom. There were approximately 50 in attendance. It was very informative. It's wonderful to be acknowledged for my annual donations, no matter how small. Before I finish, I want to share that I have unearthed our Reunion 2011 photo. There are 31 classmates in the photo. I look forward to our next in-person reunion, whenever that may be. **Beth Gouaux Levitzky**: Fortunately, I'm still married to the love of my life who just retired in July. While he now has more time to pursue his hobbies, I am leading the effort to launch a new undergraduate program in public health. It has been exciting and at times daunting, but I have enjoyed the challenges and look forward to doing more teaching. **Nahid Hamzei**: I am writing to say hello to you, and I marvel at your tenacity as you continue to get us to write about ourselves. What you are going through could not be at all easy. All is well in Southern CA with me, just busy working. **Judy Kennedy Elliott** is pleased to announce that her broken left foot healed just as the podiatrist said it would. Breaking my foot coincided with the world shutting down to contend with Coronavirus. No church, and all the committee meetings and classes disappeared until Zoom became a common tool. It's a weekly appt. we have with daughter Emily and granddaughter Daisy. It helps us to feel that we're not that far from them in CT. Of course, we are, and it's not the same as rocking Daisy & singing to her. Emily also loves photographing Daisy. COVID led to Emily's employer giving her a choice of working from home. Em jumped at it because she could keep Daisy at home with her or she could take her to daycare if her day's work required hours of uninterrupted worktime. The photos allow us to see Daisy throughout her day. **Janie Martin Warner**: Last summer my husband took a teaching job in Roswell, NM, so we moved to the "Land of Enchantment." It just so happens to be near our middle son. Our current only grandchild



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lives one day's drive away in UT. But later this yr., she will have competition for her grandparents as she will not only have a new sibling but a new first cousin in NJ. Being a retired school teacher is great as I will have time to travel between my grandbabies! **Karen Preston:** The horrible virus has curtailed all my interesting activities except Zoom Tea meetings with my local friends, while we all wait to get on the list for vaccines, the younger of us having to wait until our age group gets called. Sadly, I have two friends who each lost a relative to the disease, and a friend and a cousin who had serious cases but are recovering. I'm really glad I retired in 2019, though. I have been filling my time scanning family photo albums and enlisting various cousins to help me ID mysterious youthful photos. (Is that really MY mom?) We all regret not questioning the older generations while they were still with us. Other than that, I hope everyone takes care and stays healthy. Best wishes to all! **Kathy Reckling Burns:** We are beginning our new adventure moving back to northern VA after 11 yrs. at Lake Monticello outside Charlottesville. We left the kids behind, but will go back to them and our 5 granddaughters! Our newly constructed home was scheduled to close on Sept. 27 unless any material shortages affect that. We have been lucky so far! House here goes on the market when we are solid on a closing date. Lots of work ahead, but we are excited to be 10 mins. from our daughter & 40 from our son. COVID has made it clear for us that family is everything. **Susan Szymczyk Craig:** The major happenings in my life are with my children. Middle son David got married to a wonderful young lady in Oct. My son Johnny and daughter Mary Claire both live and work in DC. The recent mandates imposed in DC brought my daughter to visit, enjoying the freedoms we have in the state of FL. I have loved working without my 80 mins. commute to Tampa for the past 18 mos. and have been far more productive. In the spring, I reconnected with classmate **Ann Ames Edelmann**, who recently relocated to Tampa from VA. I also saw **Joy Abbot Inkpen '92** this spring and enjoyed hearing her R-MWC stories. Thanks Beth Bentley for her help orchestrating Zoom calls. **Donna Sue Ward Holly:** I have spent most Junes since I retired from the Navy in 2011 at my aunt's home in Rapid City, SD, cataloging the family treasures and writing down the family stories. My aunt passed away in 2019, but her husband, George, still lets me come and continue the self-imposed task. It has been very rewarding. I still have my mother, George and Uncle Jim (Dad's last remaining sibling) to get the old stories and details from, but since they are 94, 87 and 93, respectively, I don't know how much longer they will be available to answer my

questions. **Vicki Yarberry Henson:** In March of 2019, my husband of 37 yrs. and the love of my life died suddenly while getting ready to go to a party with one of our Mardi Gras crews. I will be eternally grateful that our last words included laughter. Also, I have a beautiful granddaughter, Lynlee. She loves horses, so her YaYa (that's me) is waiting for the day I can buy her a pony! Finally, I've recently moved from Orange Beach, AL, back to my lakehouse in AR. However, I have lots of friends living in OBA who have open door policies and love my dog, so I'll be down there a lot. I plan to buy a small RV and start traveling the country sometime soon. Who can I come see? Or, who wants to come visit Lake Ouachita, one of the clearest, cleanest man-made lakes in the country? I love having company and taking friends out on "my" lake. It's just outside Hot Springs, AR, so if anyone travels this direction, would love to see you.

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Wow, that Delta Mu threat worked or turning 60 has gotten you ladies reflective or word has spread about my Pulitzer worthy notes but thank you for submitting news! In no particular order we start with **VivianLea Stevens Solek** who reports that she continues to enjoy her job as archivist for the Knights of Columbus Supreme Council Archives in New Haven CT, with 5 years in the job and about 5 left until retirement. Unfortunately her dad passed away one day after his 84th birthday in Nov. She and husband David celebrated their 10th anniversary in May. They are active in their church and in revolutionary reenacting and are loving life. We grieve the passing of **Lynn Cornick Mendibur** on 4/3/2020. **Martha Frase** could no longer justify commuting to DC so as of June she has gone back to her own business, Frase Communications, and so far so good. Her daughter Haley and her partner are in the process of moving to Richmond. Martha hopes they will fall in love with RVA as she has. She sees **Nancy Kline, Emily Kristin Maisch '82, Margaret Davis Shields, Kathy Fields**, and hopes **Sara Thompson** will retire soon so that she will be

more fun. Maybe she said "join the fun", my notes are sketchy. Speaking of Nancy Kline, OMG you have to see her Opossum Blog. Yes, God hit them with the ugly stick but Nancy's journal and photos of their nocturnal Peyton Place is so much fun. Thank you Nancy for entertaining us during COVID! **Robin Winford Daughtry's** daughter Cammy was married last July in a beautiful ceremony and this August son Zach offers her a role as MOG. Robin saw **Caroline Kelly Buncick** and husband Milan when they were moonlighting as furniture movers for Caroline's step-son and girlfriend. **Jeanie Furr Daniel** writes that she and husband Billy still live in Norfolk VA, in the same house of 30+ years. She works in finance/admin for a small global non-profit called Physicians for Peace who work with local partners in under-resourced parts of the world providing surgical training. Her 2 children live nearby in Virginia Beach and her daughter gave her a grandson on Veterans Day 2020. I don't think my daughter even sent me chocolates. Back to Jeanie, she gets to see her children often and she's having great fun with her grandson. She said, "I am also lucky to be surrounded by wonderful R-MWC alums of all ages, and got to visit the campus last August while in Lynchburg for a family wedding. It's always great to visit as it brings back so many great memories." **Anne Joyner Sheehan** wrote that after 20 years she sold her company to a global competitor. In her travels she saw **Anne Leigh Schoeffel Manley** in May on the beach in Ponte Vedra for a few hours. Joyner moved her daughter and son to new apartments in DC and Auburn respectively. She reports that she is still in Atlanta in the same house and with the same husband Tim and they hope to drink copious amounts of pinot in Willamette soon. She's "doing some consulting and guest lecturing at GA State for their Masters in Commercial Real Estate capstone course. Thinking about what to do next!" **Nancy McCutchan Duden** retired in October 2020 after 34 years of practicing law in Maryland and D.C. She said "My mother was diagnosed with dementia and came to live with us in November and I have been slowly adjusting to my new life as a caregiver". She and husband Dick, a sitting judge with no plans to retire anytime soon, have been married for 33 years and are now proud grandparents to Violet, born January 2020. I, **Catherine Calcote Fischer**, got to visit with Sara Thompson, Margaret Davis Shields (our hostess with the mostess), **Ann Davis Mewborn '85, Elizabeth Maffey**, and **Alison Bowen Lee '84** on the Eastern Shore of VA to celebrate the passing of Maff's youth. I tried bringing **Jamie Ledbetter D'Innocenzo** in my luggage but she didn't cooperate and I tried taking Teddy home in my luggage but Maff wouldn't cooperate. Teddy is



(Left to right) Anne Rogers McCaffrey '85, Cynthia Rosasco-Latimer '85, Beth Oast Williams '86, and Ann Davis Mewborn '85 held a R-MWC Coffee Club meeting in Richmond, VA.



(Left to right) Ann Davis Mewborn '85, Monty Shepardson '89, Anne Rogers McCaffrey '85, and Mary Margaret Upshur Johnson '85 met as part of the R-MWC Coffee Club in Richmond, VA.

Maff's new adorable puppy who **Kim Keleher** is helping to train. The training is of Maff, not Teddy. He's very well behaved. We had a good time and laughed until we peed. Sorry, that's easy to do at 60 but we really, really laughed a lot. **Penne Smith Sandbeck** joined us one night. She works as an architectural historian for the Navy in Hampton Roads and in 2020 released a CD "Hwy 17 Revisited" of her guitar music. Thank you all once again for your notes. Really. Thanks. Keep them coming or I'll make Robin take each of you shopping with her for Mother of the Groom dress.

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I'm **Megan Berryman Izykowski**, class secretary for our Class of 1985, and I'm still living in Fort Worth loving retirement with my husband. Our granddaughter Teddy just graduated from nursing school; we are so proud of her. We have five grandchildren and two great grandchildren we love doing things with. Ken and I are hoping to be in London for the Christmas holidays! We are having a gathering in Nashville for our class; it will be June 24-26, 2022 in Nashville TN! We are taking reservations for the Airbnb. Get in touch with **Beth Ballard Kilgore**, **Michelle Logan Mazanec** or me! Lots of fun being planned! We are easy to find on Facebook RMWC Class 85 or, my email is meggieintx@gmail.com.

Looking forward to seeing all y'all's faces! **Betsy Hollingsworth Lee** writes Aug. 2021 marks the 16th anniversary of my family's move from Northern Virginia to Lexington (VA). We have loved living and raising our children in this small community. Almost 8 years ago, my husband and I opened a gourmet market (Old Lex Mercantile). This venture has created a terrific avenue for us to contribute to the vibrancy of downtown Lexington and to share our passion for delicious food. Although I've "retired" from the corporate world, I have a business consulting practice which enables me to exercise the strategic planning side of my brain on a periodic basis! Our older daughter, Katie, graduated from Lafayette College in 2019, with a degree in Electrical and Computer Engineering and now works in the automotive division of Texas Instruments. Our younger daughter, Maggie, is a senior at Caltech, studying Electrical Engineering and English. Our blended family continues to grow. My step daughter, **Christine Lee Gregory** '03, has two daughters (ages 8 and 6) and my step daughter, Cassie, has two sons (ages 8 and 5). Looking forward to being with the whole family at our annual family vacation at Litchfield Beach, SC. **Debbe Jones Benzur** is still in Atlanta teaching elementary school. **Tina Pack McLane** has built a new home to accommodate her mother moving in. They love her new home and having her mom with them! **Shay Bruner Nicoud** reports that she, husband Brian, and daughter Kit are now in Oklahoma City (she says it's strange for a Texas girl!). She was able to connect with **Ginger German Robinson** when Ginger was visiting her mother in Tulsa. They met for dinner at an amazing farm to table restaurant where every course had strawberries! **Anne Rogers McCaffrey**: The R-MWC Coffee

Club was launched during COVID and meets every month or as the weather and gossip permit. Richmond alums are welcome to join us. The group has welcomed VIPs including out-of-town alums **Monty Shepardson** '89, New Haven CT, and **Beth Oast Williams** '86, Norfolk VA.

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Hello ladies! It was so great seeing so many of you on our class Zooms! I know we all enjoyed the chance to catch up with one another! **Julie Coxe** and her cute girl Lucija went on a mini tour of the Mid Atlantic in June and I was lucky enough to be one of the stops! I spirited Julie and Lucija to Bethany Beach with my daughter (Julie's goddaughter). It was a wonderful couple of days of good food, good beach time and being taught by my daughter how to shotgun a beverage. After our beach time, Julie headed to Virginia to spend a couple of days in Williamsburg with **Fran Darden Carden**, **Betsy Rawles Stanley**, **Shelby Putnam Ern** and **Sallie O'Connor Wright** '87. Betsy and husband Colan live on a river in the Northern Neck of Virginia which is perfect for morning kayaking. They are both busy with work and boating. Her twin girls are seniors in high school. Fran and Bill are in Charlottesville and doing well. Fran is busy with Garden Club. Three of her 4 girls are out of college and doing great and the youngest is at UVA. Sallie and Ricky are in Richmond and their daughter is at JMU. In addition to her job, Sallie has a thriving online shop selling cool finds. You can find her on Instagram @thesterlingsaddle. Shelby and

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David are in Charlottesville and are happy that both boys are close enough in the Northern Virginia/DC area. Julie reports that all is well in Dallas. They managed through the school year well enough and were happy to travel in the summer. Julie sees **Kiki Karos** often and says she and her family are doing well. Pero, Lucija and Julie then went to Croatia for 3 weeks in July-as always amazing beauty, swims, stunning views, and lovely family and friend time. Julie is still teaching MS Literature and English. She is very happy to have all students in person this year which she says is really fantastic after last year with students being both there and virtual, and thankfully all masked. Pero still works in IT and data analysis. Lucija is now 16 and a junior and driving which is incredibly fabulous and freeing. So all in all, even with the pandemic continuing, we are well and healthy and hope the same for all.

Ruth Moyers Hallman was able to sneak a visit to Arkansas with **Mary Ellzey Davis** and **Laura Lee Lanier**. Before heading to Hot Springs for some R&R, they got to be "Friends" at Central Perk and held a Cabinet meeting at the Clinton Library. They also managed quick visits with **Sidney Buckley Carter '87** and **Katherine McClerkin**. **Mary Frances Jaap Bellman** and husband Tim have been busy! They sold their home in Dallas and have moved to Norfolk where they bought her childhood home. Brian and I have been able to enjoy some time at the beach this summer while he balances the work from home thing, and I plug away at planning Kallie's wedding. We are grateful that the kids all live close to one another in Arlington; it sure makes it easier for us to see them! Kallie is finishing up work at Lucky Dog Animal Rescue as National Geographic Museum has finally announced a reopening date. Jonathan passed the Level 1 CFA in November and is back working in person as an Investment Analyst at Central Pension Fund of the IUOE. Andrew left his job as an analyst at Cambridge Associates in July and is now working as an Investment Analyst at Accolade Associates. He is happy to be working in an office rather than remotely; the only time he saw his office at Cambridge was his last day of work when he had to turn in his laptop! Remember you can always find your classmates and update us on our class Facebook page!

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Ladies, I have only heard from a handful of classmates, so I am going to encourage you right up front to send me your news. Please know I will never report something I have read on Facebook without your express permission. Therefore, I need you to pass along your news, both big and small. As for me, **Stephanie Pack**, I am once again traveling out of eastern KY. Churches and ministry organizations are just now opening up, and I am so glad to get back to face to face ministry. **Melissa "Missy" Sims** wrote: "I am a VP in Information Technology at Morgan Stanley now. I work in Atlanta on a global team that manages the trading platform. Of course, I still live in Atlanta with my daughter Mia who is starting 2nd grade at the Atlanta International School this year. We enjoy swimming, walking the dog, and traveling when possible! I would love to bring Mia to an R-MWC Reunion on campus when we can safely have one!" **Janice Cooper Holmes** reported: "I was recently named communications manager for Global Manufacturing and Recycling for International Paper. I was also recognized as outstanding graduate student by the University of West Florida College of Arts, Science and Humanities for my work in the Strategic Communications and Leadership graduate program." **Adele Logan O'Keefe** shared her news as well: "Hello there! Still own my therapy private practice and am an admissions assistant for 360 Transitions supporting families who are bringing home individuals from therapeutic program placements. In addition, I opened Lark Photography (www.lark.photography) and recently had a special client; **Dawn Davis** secured a family session in June 2021! My hope is that this will become my primary career within the next couple of years. We also have a new puppy Scout and are living in Fishersville, VA, between Staunton and Charlottesville." So, I am looking forward to receiving your news via email, snail mail, Facebook Messenger, or our R-MWC '90 Facebook page.

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Your class secretary **Tina Kirk** headed to England at the end of June to join the University of Evansville's British studies center, Harlaxton College, located in Grantham. The program is situated in an amazing major house in the country with spectacular gardens. Tina is open to any and all visits from friends - as a Reading alumna, this is a dream job for her. Check out the video at www.harlaxton.evansville.edu! **Shannon Kennedy** reported: "I attended West Virginia University School of Pharmacy after R-MWC. Although I technically graduated in May 1996, I have always considered myself a lifelong Odd, because I completed my coursework and externships as of August 1995 (there was not a fall graduation for the School of Pharmacy). I had my license and had actually been working as a pharmacist for several months when I received my diploma. I have since retired (after 19 years at the same pharmacy) and am eagerly awaiting the arrival of my first great niece. I have three nephews, so we are all excited about our first girl."

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Katie Roller Schulz-Ditchen reported: "My husband Rob and I are therapeutic foster parents for larger sibling sets with special needs. Most recently we fostered a single sibling set of eleven children ages 1-17 for 14 months. We were the Georgia 2019 Foster Parents of the Year. Due to the Pandemic, we have recently moved back to the Shenandoah Valley where we are in the process of getting licensed to continue fostering sibling sets. We love to camp and garden and have a family business restoring vintage Airstreams. We are renovating an old farmhouse which was once a seminary in the late 1800's and are planning to renovate a carriage house on the grounds for my parents. My mother **Tidge Wetzel Roller '62** and my dad Douglas Roller (UVa Architecture '62) met in the Main Hall Date Parlor during mom's junior year. We are all excited to have them join us, and we already have my husband's mother living there as well. Rob and I have a blended family of seven kids and so far four of them are students at Mary Baldwin. I am teaching Early Childhood Special Education for Staunton City



1995: (Left to right) Jen Preston, Hyo Gang, Angie Fryer, Jenn Simmons Schuessler, and a photo of Andrea Roy at Andrea's celebration after party



Denise Elliott Cooper '95 and Genia Livings Welburn '95 with their families

Schools and hoping to eventually go back for my doctorate. Hoping Randolph will offer a doctoral program someday!"

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Genia Livings Welburn drove over 4,300 miles with her family (including 2.5 teenagers) through 11 states from VA to CA. Along the way they visited many landmarks and monuments, including the biggest fork and the 2nd largest rocking chair. She also got to see **Denise Elliott Cooper** and family for the first time in years. It was a fabulous mini Reunion. Genia saw **Emily Bentzen** this summer for their regular book club and they're planning to get together before school starts. Genia rejoined the RC Board of Trustees. This is an exciting time for the College and she's thankful that students are back on campus in the fall. In May she was the RC Commencement speaker for the Class of 2021. It was an amazing experience. So much has changed in Lynchburg but the beauty of our campus remains. **Rene Benson** spent the last 18 months immersed in all things COVID, including not seeing her parents. She finally got to spend a few days with them this summer and it was wonderful. Rene and her family were able to take a trip to Wild Dunes Resort, near Charleston. It was definitely a needed vacation (2 years since her toes had touched the beach - too long!) She is very thankful to have a little return to

normalcy and prays that it continues. **Sheila de Castro** started a new job with a nonprofit organization specializing in corporate governance (her previous job with Marriott ended due to COVID). She's learning a lot but still doing marketing in a different capacity. In 2021, Sheila has traveled to the Delaware and VA beaches, Charleston with her "quaranteam" and more trips planned this fall and hoping 2022 bring international travel. She saw her first movie in a theater since 2019 (2020? - it's a blur). Roadrunner (the Anthony Bourdain film) was excellent. She'd love to catch up with the '95 crew in the DMV area for cocktails or coffee where she's lived since 2014. [from Jen - I agree - let's chat!] **Cathy King Madsen** celebrated her 5th anniversary with the Henry M. Jackson Foundation in February, turned 50 in May and along with husband Dane, looking forward to daughter Charlotte starting kindergarten in August. She wouldn't have expected any of this while at R-MWC. She still talks to her bestie **Ruthie Evers '97** regularly (totally predicted), and even though they don't get to see each other often these days, they did get a watch party together for Black Widow. She loves connecting with everyone on Facebook. Vita abundantior indeed. **Laurel Westly** and her family went camping in South Central Oregon during the first Pacific NW heatwave (where the wildfires there are now blowing smoke all over the country - sorry!) She's also enjoying being able to visit people and plan trips, but hoping not to be as busy as she was before the pandemic (although she already feels pretty busy). She also just canned

20lbs of Maryhill peaches. **Gigi Good Majors'** son Cameron started school August 5th (in person this year - no virtual option). She's happy to just be a parent and not a parent teacher this year. She's also more thankful than ever for all the teachers out there. Support our teachers and schools! Gigi continues to work remotely with Harmoni Towers and loves her job and team. She's very proud of how everyone pivoted to remote work, remained productive and even thrived in our new world. In sad news, **Andrea Roy** passed away in June from pancreatic cancer. To help celebrate her life, **Jenn Simmons Schuessler, Hyo Gang** and I drove to Barboursville, WV (just outside of Huntington) and **Angie Fryer** flew in from Boulder CO to attend her service. At the visitation, we saw photos from her childhood, R-MWC days, and her life in NYC and finally in WV. It was wonderful to see her brilliant smile in every picture, and how much she was loved by her family, including husband Kevin, mom Brigitte, brother PC, and all of her friends. From our R-MWC days, we remember Andrea as a smart, kind young woman with a big smile who never failed to see the good in everyone, and she did not change over the years. She lived her life fully and surrounded by love, and for all us who were lucky enough to call her a friend, may we all keep a piece of Andrea in our heart. For Angie, Jenn, Hyo and I, the trip was bittersweet. While it was great to reconnect after all these years, even if only for a short visit, we wished it was under different circumstances. I think we all hope that the next time we see one another it's for a happy celebration.

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Greetings Class of 1996! It's been a long while since we've collected notes so thank you to those who submitted updates. First off, congratulations to **Jennifer Tucker Bridgers**, who was recently recognized as a Fellow in the American Medical Writers Association. Fellowships are awarded to members who have made significant contributions to the goals and activities of the Association. **Marta Mikkelsen Burnet** left her job managing a conservation education program at the Seattle Aquarium to become the Director for the Empathy Initiative at Woodland Park Zoo (also in Seattle). She enjoys helping build connections between guests and wildlife to help promote pro-environmental actions. She also had a good time catching up with fellow alums at our Zoom reunion in May! **Molly Roper Jenkins** wrote that she now has three grandchildren in college and one more to follow...and she really misses seeing members of her Prime Time tribe, near and far. **Barbara Grub** said that she completed her assignment through the U.S. State Dept. in Brussels, Belgium, packing her house at the same time as President Biden's visit in June. She's back in the US through mid-2022 before moving to Kosovo, Albania for her next three-year assignment. As for myself, **Alison Leo Rana**, it was a busy summer but I especially enjoyed spending a week with my sister, **Adrienne Leo '04**, and her kids and my family in Houston and Galveston. We're now looking forward to our kids going back to school and the restart of swim team, Boy Scouts and other activities...although it looks like masks will be an ongoing part of all of that. I hope everyone is staying safe and healthy with COVID continuing to create challenges. If you have an update for the next bulletin, please send it to me through the Randolph College email address above, alisonleo01@yahoo.com, Facebook Messenger or LinkedIn.

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The theme for these notes was "Simple Pleasures". We started these notes when most everyone was still in lockdown and still unsure as to when we could resume "normal" lives. For me, a simple pleasure is indulging my curiosity and learning odd facts about animals; like, wombats have cubed poop. **Anne Gilliam Blair**: I got into a habit at the start of COVID of walks with my son at lunch. We continue to do it regularly and they've been my favorite moments of my days. He headed back to school this fall. We were so ready but miss that time together. **Julie Goldberg**: I admit I've been struggling to find the positive in the pandemic but we were able to start swimming lessons for my 3yo and taking him to these lessons is a total joy. He's been dying to get his own activity and the excitement on his face when I watch is priceless. **Nicole Raymond-Milligan**: One of my favorite simple pleasures is watching the sunrise with my morning cup of coffee. The house is peaceful and quiet. **Ali Wood Drain**: Daffodils I brought from my childhood home blooming in my flower bed, Peanut M&Ms, deadlifting 220 lbs., my daughter's belly laugh, and snuggling on the couch with my dogs. **Lauren Kendall Baddeloo Methena**: I, partner Garrett Roberts, and children Senegal, 13, Cora Tallula, 10.5, and Ketzia, 2, welcomed Theron Beck Methena-Roberts (9lbs 9oz 21.5") into the family on July 26 in a successful home water birth with the help of favorite midwife Nancy Giglio, former husband Blake, and friend Taylor. What brings me joy lately is when my partner Garrett makes me a chai latte and brings it to me in the mornings, seeing those moments when my children are getting along and even showing empathy and understanding towards each other (the bonding during the pandemic has been one blessing, for sure), when we can get takeout (one of my favorite "escapes" during pandemic), having enough energy to work out. The simple pleasure of seeing my children's faces when they saw their brother for the first time when he was only minutes old was magical. Other simple pleasures include the groans and sighs from my older children as they begrudgingly do their chores, and not having to find decent pants during an entire pregnancy spent working from home. **Megan Smith Burch**: Where to start? Watching my husband create a new piece of art from start to finish, eating breakfast with my son and listening to his latest cheesy puns, watching my daughter master a new gymnastics skill and binge-watching old television shows I have already seen a million times. **Laura Campbell Shook**: At home, a clean kitchen sink, which is as rare and fleeting as an eclipse. Hiking. I love the smell of a forest, the feel of cooler air under the canopy, dappled light, tiny blooms and huge trees. **Shannon Jones Dunham**: Reconnecting with friends from long ago and having that

conversation feel like there was not a 20-year gap, overhearing your child say something you feel like they never listened to and repeating your words verbatim to another child (always a win for us moms!), hot tea on a chilly day and a fuzzy blanket, random drive-by hugs from any of my kids, coaching soccer with my eldest on the team and having him actually listen at this point (I have coached him a few different times) because his team took first place last season and he finally recognized that his momma's got skills! **Destiny French Just**: Grocery shopping with my kids on an individual basis. We have the best conversations when we're roaming the aisles one-on-one. As always, it's wonderful to hear from everyone. If you missed out on this time, please email me at krwcmwc@yahoo.com or 1999@randolphcollege.edu and let me know how you are doing or what you'd like to contribute to the class notes next time. And, remember, if I get no notes from anyone, I will make stuff up and have that printed.

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It was so nice to see approximately one dozen classmates at the Raise a Glass event in honor of our 20th (21st!) Reunion. Here's to hoping we can meet in person for our 25th! Thank you to the classmates who submitted updates for this edition. **Kendra Greenwaters** organized a new Chapter for the National Society Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) in Takoma Park, MD in 2021. The Hannah Archer Till Chapter was named after a mixed-race enslaved woman (Native American and African American) who was George Washington's cook during the Revolutionary War and eventually purchased her own freedom. Kendra also serves as a National-Vice Chair of the Development Committee for DAR and has served in several State Chair positions and was the 2007 Outstanding Junior for the Maryland State Society. In 2019 **Kristi Perry Brown**'s husband retired from the Army and they moved from New York back to Alaska. They love spending time outside in gorgeous Alaska. Their 2 kids (ages 9 and 12) are loving Alaska and are thriving. Kristi has returned to working full-time. Kristi reports that "I feel very lucky to have found a remote position working for an incredible wellness clinic as one of the Lead Health Coaches supporting clients on their health journey. It has been a dream come true to find this job, particularly in this time we are living in." **Maggie Reichenberger Holloway** and her family have returned to Germany. She is teaching K-5 art in Stuttgart in addition to providing professional development to arts teachers through



Lyndsey Pelham Lederer '05 visited Jenny Minniti-Shippey '03 in Oregon.

her role on the arts leadership team on the DODEA. "It was definitely a wild, interesting year of teaching and joining a new community." 175 of Maggie's students submitted art to the annual Smithsonian American Art Museum; 2 of the top 5 pieces selected were her students. Maggie's 2 daughters are happy and growing. I, **Courtney Hoffberger Riordon**, continue to enjoy living in Colorado. Although we haven't explored as much of the region as we would like during the past year, we are still finding new things to do in and around Denver, as well as visit some old favorites. I'm able to see **Elizabeth-Ann Rowilson** with some regularity and we recently had dinner with **Jenn Cullom**. If you find yourself in Denver, let Elizabeth-Ann and me know—we'd love to meet you at the Botanic Gardens for a stroll! Take care, Evens.

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Hello Class of 2003! I hope you are all making your way through these intense times with at least a little bit of laughter. Thanks to those of



Andreka Johnson '04 and her husband, Omari Jackson, on their wedding day in Florence, SC

you who were able to send in updates; it's always so fantastic to hear from you. On March 30, a number of us got together over Zoom for a Class of '03 chat. It was really fun to see your faces and get updates about your lives. If you didn't get an email from the Alumnae Association, be sure to update your email address on their website. I think a lot of us are feeling a bit over-Zoomed, but I hope we get to do it again because it was a really fun time. Thank you **Surayyah Colbert** for being an excellent Zoom host! Here are our updates for this month. **Lindi Barton-Brobst** has been promoted to Vice President, Legal for Dentsply Sirona Inc., headquartered in Charlotte, NC. Lindi has been with the company since 2014. She, husband Greg, and daughter Caroline (11) will be relocating to NC in the coming months. **Keneshia "Kelli" Turner** and her husband Robert welcomed their new son Eoghan to the family on 02/19/2021. Eoghan joins his happy brothers Sean (13), Edward (12), and Easton (4). Baby and the rest of the family are doing well! **Jenny Minniti-Shippey** says, "**Ellen Willson Glover '00** and I have stayed in close touch during the pandemic, especially since it wrecked plans for me to visit her in NC; **Evelyn Shoop Mathew** and I have occasionally called each other to have wordless screams; and **Lyndsey Pelham Lederer '05** was able to bring her beautiful children down to the family farm in Eugene, OR for a COVID-careful visit in the middle of March. Hard times all around but I'm grateful for these R-MWC lifelines, which also include holiday cards and social media connections with other R-MWC friends." Evelyn Shoop Mathew has an exciting new venture to report! She says,



Keneshia "Kelli" Turner '03 and husband, Robert, welcomed their new son Eoghan.

"I officially launched my business Nectar Digital Collaborative with my sister CarmenRose as my first hire! We do community-first social media and communications with a social justice focus, and have clients on both coasts." **Abby Turner-Lauck Wernicki** reports: "In 2018, I began a new position at Holy Family University in Philadelphia as Vice President for Student Affairs and Enrollment Management." **Jenny Hayden** started Girl Scout cookie season off with 12 boxes of cookies and still has a box and a half left, a true accomplishment; many thanks to **Melissa Goss-Jentz** for the update suggestion. I am happy to report all of your updates, big and small!

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The Class of 2004 is back and better than ever! Please read on to take in all the amazing things our class continues to achieve! **Rana Wakim Daniel** started a new business called Empowerment Wellness Coaching to help women achieve their goals to stop emotional eating and maintain permanent weight loss. **Allison Holt** has started a doctoral program with a focus on Higher Education Administration with St. Cloud State University. After ten years with the Jack Kent Cooke Foundation, **Beth Zielinski** has accepted a position as Director of Data at the Jackie Robinson Foundation in NYC. Beth also continues to run a small boarding barn in Northern Virginia and compete in dressage and eventing. **Christina Dayton-Wall** and her husband Adam recently celebrated their 17th wedding anniversary while

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Marie Woody Harris '57

Harris died on March 9, 2021, at Westminster Canterbury in Lynchburg, Virginia. Born in Danville, Virginia, on June 23, 1935, she graduated from R-MWC where she majored in history with a minor in both education and English. She and her husband, Stuart Horsley Harris, raised two children. Harris worked as an educator and later owned her own business, (CityScape Tours). She was also an involved community volunteer. Harris was active in the R-MWC Alumnae Association, and served as the co-chair of Our Campaign for Randolph-Macon Woman's College in the 1980s. Her leadership in the Lynchburg area included service on the boards of Point of Honor, Lynchburg Daily Bread, and the Lynchburg Historical Society. She received her MED degree from Boston University and was a long-time member of the Lynchburg City School Board.

Joy Thomas '87

Thomas was born Feb. 12, 1965 and died Oct. 22, 2020. She was the first Black student president at R-MWC, and she also earned a law degree from the University of Texas at Austin School of Law. Thomas served in countless capacities at the national, regional and local levels of the Delta Sigma Theta Sorority. She served as an attorney in private practice and was also a trustee emerita for the College, serving as chair of the Student Affairs Committee. Thomas was an active Association volunteer and was a member of the Quillian Society.



Dr. Sara Lawrence Lewis '06, LaShanta Gregory Smith '05, Nathania Woldu '04, Ghislaine Lewis '05, Ashley Cook Plymouth '05, Carla Hollingsworth '05 and Ashley Hodge '06 at Lewis's wedding

their daughter Gracelyn (2.5) gives them a run for their money! Christina's eight-year-old veterinary practice, All Creatures Veterinary Science, is about to get a facelift with a new building located on their family farm. If she wasn't busy enough, Christina has also purchased a Grand Prix Dressage horse named, Wonderful Pearle. After a successful 13 years with the FBI, **Ayn Dietrich-Williams** shifted her communication career to sharing philanthropic and innovation work. Now in the San Francisco area with the Chan Zuckerberg Initiative, Ayn continues to treat her Rottweiler and German Shephard like 100-pound children. She and her husband Matt split their time still hiking in their adopted Seattle homeland and traveling internationally. **Kate Jenkins** and her spouse grew another human, Elior (Ellie) Jenkins Strassberger who was born 5/5/21. **Lani Golstab Gonzalez** and family spent time with Alexandra Lawson over the 4th of July weekend at Lani's home in Austin, TX. Alexandra and her husband Antonio Russo recently relocated to Dallas, TX after living abroad in Italy for several years. After living in Roswell, NM for the last 13 years **Katrina Ray Rohrbacher** and her family have relocated to Albuquerque. She also recently took a new position as a part-time associate emergency veterinarian at Mission Veterinary Clinic in Rio Rancho. Katrina's husband Mike received a promotion and works as the Director of Two-Way Radio Public Communications for the state of New Mexico. Their two children, Mikayla (8) and Frederick (5) will be homeschooled by Katrina this year. After a three-year secondment to open Verisk Maplecroft's first South American office in Buenos Aires, **Jimena Blanco** is returning to Europe to continue running the Americas practice from Malaga, Spain. She will continue to travel to the Americas while growing their geopolitical

research from Europe. **Innocentia "Apiye" Afa** and her family were blessed with a happy and active baby girl, Jaya Sakina in September 2020. She is also the step-mom of Hana (13) and Rabia (17). Innocentia currently manages partnerships and recruitment for Leadership Fairfax. Innocentia and **Naomi Weiss** recently enjoyed a short vacation in Lewes, DE! Naomi gifted Babafa a wonderful rescue cat, Saiorse, who has since run away. **Anne Partlett Crews** and husband Brent welcomed their second son, Ethan in June. Big brother Nathaniel turned two in October. Quarantine buddies, **Alexis Brown '06**, **Rachael Messier '05**, and **Heather Gray Sweitzer Dooley** enjoyed several socially distanced gatherings, including creating their own Beer and Wine Fest, New Year's Eve, birthdays, a cancer recovery celebration and welcoming new babies. **Aimee Hall** has purchased a home in the DC suburbs after being hired as Associate Director, Annual Meeting by the American Council on Education. She continues to work in real estate on the side which is keeping her very busy. **Andreka Johnson** married Omari Jackson on Saturday, November 14, 2020 in Florence, SC. Prior to the ceremony, the couple enjoyed a virtual bridal shower attended by Randy-Mac friends **Julie James '01** and **Surayyah Colbert '03**. The couple is also thankful for the many other R-MWC friends that sent gifts and joined in virtually to celebrate their special day. The newlyweds now call Alexandria, VA home.

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Dr. Ghislaine Lewis married her love Brandon O'Donnell in a backyard ceremony in Lynchburg in May 2021.



Karl Sakas '11 with the Suttons family at the end of their thru hike of the Appalachian Trail

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I hope to see each of you and your families at our 15 year Reunion in June! It will be a great weekend! **Eve Lincoln** and husband Jason welcomed a second child; a daughter named Eleanor Rae in June 2021. **Mollie Robertson Dunmyer** and wife Stephany welcomed a second child; a daughter named Wrenley Elizabeth in Oct. 2020. **Kimberly Edmonds** and husband David welcomed their first child; a son named Jordan in May 2020. **Kelley Swain** published her second novel titled Ophelia Swam. A Gothic romance set in Tudor England's time of upheaval and uncertainty, Ophelia Swam is an illuminating tale of love, grief, and sisterhood, spanning generations of healers. This is Kelley's 6th published book! In May 2021, **Eighmey Zeck** began her own consulting firm named Silver Linings Public Health Consulting, LLC. Eighmey is currently assisting the state of Wyoming to improve access to contraceptives, particularly long acting reversible contraception, to the rural and frontier populations. **Tabitha**



Alex Hoenig Yakubov '08 & Dr. Brittany Dickey van Staalduinen '10 with their newborn sons

Wicker Pitts and **Miranda Smith Cearley** visited at Miranda's home near Atlanta in Mar. 2021. Tabitha also visited with **Caitlin Sheehan '13** at Caitlin's home in New Orleans. **Gessi Childress Wright** earned her Master's Degree in Educational Leadership from the University of Lynchburg in May 2021.

2008

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Alex Hoenig Yakubov & Dr. Brittany Dickey van Staalduinen '10 were reunited in August when Brittany and husband Dr. Eric van Staalduinen '11 relocated to the San Francisco Bay Area from NYC. They both welcomed their 2nd sons just 10 days apart (Aug/Sept 2021) and had a ton of fun watching their older sons grow up together.

2009

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Erika Nye Field reported a number of updates. In Aug. 2012, she earned her MA in International Security from Trinity Washington University in DC. On June 1, 2016 she married Justin Field in St. Thomas, USVI. In May 2017, she received her AMI Montessori teaching diploma for ages 6-12 from the Washington Montessori Institute and in Aug. 2017 her M Ed from Loyola University Maryland. In Aug. 2019, she bought her first house and began her current job as lead elementary guide at Lovettsville Montessori School in Lovettsville VA.

2010

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Karl Sakas finished his thru hike of the Appalachian Trail in Aug. 2021 before heading to California. **Kathleen Powers Conti** and **Sabrina Ackley Parris '09** were delighted to finally be able to meet up for brunch in Tucson, AZ

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2012

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2021 is coming to a close. 2022 is upon us - our Reunion year! Alums from the Class of 2012 have been up to a lot this year. **Justin DeSmith** was promoted to Environmental Coordinator: responsible for all environmental happenings in the 14-mile section of highway construction between Haymarket and Rt. 29 in Centerville VA. **Kate Stasiewicz Gibson** was promoted to a Late Stage Default Supervisor with a mortgage subservicing company in VA. She and husband Hugh were expecting their first child in October

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Class of '15 mini-Reunion to celebrate Rebekah Rose-Leo's wedding



Kelsey Lee-Abell '14 married Celine Lee-Abell on June 12 at Riverview Manor in Hurt, VA.

2021. **Meredith Humphreys** was elected as the nominating director on the Junior League of Lynchburg Board of Directors. **Erinn Sudol Wilkins** and husband Ryan welcomed their first child, Wesley Owen Wilkins in Apr. 2021. They will be moving from Naples, Italy back to Virginia this fall. **Nicole Gammons Wells** moved back to Roanoke VA in Aug. 2020, started a new job as a paralegal in a small family law firm, and started classes for an associate's degree in paralegal studies. **Danielle Robinson Wallace** welcomed her second daughter on 09/15/2020. Her husband, Brian, and she celebrated their 6th anniversary this April. After she had to close her store doors last March, Danielle needed to downsize to stay afloat, so she moved her boutique, Lexie & Lee, to downtown Lynchburg into a space shared by a florist and is grateful to have stayed afloat through the worst of COVID. **Alina Herron** took a job in Roanoke County VA as a Stormwater Inspector back in Feb. She will miss the beach, but she is glad to be back in the mountains! Jessica Cline got married to Jack

Jenkins in July! They're living outside Nashville in Dickson, TN. She recently had the opportunity to speak at a regional conference in Atlanta, about her role as Director of Operations for a top real estate team with Keller Williams. **Janie Campbell** was recently honored as a "20 Under 40" by The State newspaper in the greater Columbia, SC area. Additionally, she just started coaching JV Girls' Tennis at Heathwood Hall Episcopal School in Columbia! Onward and Upward! Congratulations one and all! Vita abundantior.

2013
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Kelsey Lee-Abell married Celine Lee-Abell at Riverview Manor in Hurt VA, on June 12 2021.

Tierney Dickinson Morse: I graduated from Washington University School of Law May 2021, and will be moving to Chicago to begin as an Associate Attorney at Winston & Strawn this fall.

2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, & 2020

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Rebekah Rose-Leo '15: "I got married in January in Edinburgh, Scotland! My husband and I had a small minimony over Zoom and celebrated with friends and family in October."
Rebecca Lesnak '19: "I completed my Masters at American University and now work at the State Department's Trafficking in Persons Office."
Andrea Wilson '20: "I'm a research technician at Duke University in a lab that studies glaucoma!" To submit your own updates for the next magazine, either email classnotes@randolphcollege.edu or fill out our brand new form at www.randolphcollege.edu/association/update.



TRIBUTE GIFTS

12/19/2020-8/26/2021

Eleanor Jones McNamara '36

Mr. & Mrs. Yuille Holt, III

Robert Meade

Agnes Thorne Harvin '71

Ibby Harrington Merritt '56

Bruce Koolage Forsberg '56

Deaven Milam '22

Crystal Howell Beck

Richard A. Miller

Anonymous

Lisa Bachelder

Kris Bailey

Ali Bowers

Chip & Beverly Burkholder

Kathy & Steve Claytor

The Patton Coles Family

Nash Cox

Christopher French

Frontier Health

Nancy H. Garver

Jeanne & Bobby Hoffman

Elizabeth Hulette

Tim & Mary Ann Isenhower of HSM Solutions

Thomas Long

The Merritt Family

Charles Miller

Adrian Hoffman and Diane Pipes

Mark & Karen Ratzlaff

Doug & Donna Riley of Rocking R Farms, LC

Elizabeth "Betsy" T. Ruehl

Brian Stisser

Bonny Strassler

Beth Swinger DeCubellis

John Taylor

Elizabeth & Clifton Tweedy

Pam & Phill Ungar

Jennifer Williams

Mary Blanche Boyd Martin

Margaret Martin McCloy '67

Mary Katharine Smith Moorman 1917

Jane Moorman '65

Catherine Moomaw Morgan '34

Deidre Pulgram Arthen

Anthony Pulgram

Christopher Pulgram

The Estates of Lucia Fairlie Pulgram '46

& William Pulgram

Laurence Pulgram

Heather Morgan '95

Gigi Good Majors '95

Muffie Moroney '65

Emily Alford Carlisle '65

Jane Forster Wacaster '63

Bell Stewart Muth '62

Eugenia Bibb '62

Virginia Boggess Mylander '32

Jane Mylander Wainwright '63

Libba Tankard Neal '58

Jim & Kee Hood Marshall '79

Dorothy Lipps Nelson '50

Kimberly Wornom Hicks '90

The Rev. Dr. & Mrs. William Parish

Zara Husain Marian '75

Nancy Fraser Pearson '56

Patsy Terry Nance '56

Frances Porcher '51

Ann Boon Rhea '51

William F. Quillian, Jr. HA and

Margaret Weigle Quillian HA

Anne Quillian

Mary Lou Snyder Ray '66

Kay Wellinger McGee '66

Margaret Raynal

Keith Rogers Alford '65

Barbara Beeland Rehder '41

Kristin Rehder '74

Florence Ridley '44

Kenney Shropshire Roseberry '44

Rev. Donald H. Roberts

Sherley Osgood Keith '71

Elizabeth Gayle Rouse '42

Sarah Rouse Sheehan '71

Janice Ruggerio

Jennifer Richie '94

Elsie Claire Recker Savant '51

Katherine Warren Girouard '81

Emma Jane Neelley Saxe '64

Mary Allen Spector '64

Lenore Kirkpatrick Schnaitman '75

Jane Harsha '75

Lizanne Sheehy '83

Frances Sheehy Powell

Judy Mundy Shutt '62

Jean Leonard Hull '62

Grace Rollins Snyder 1918

Ann Snyder Harrod

Betty Dan Nicholas Spencer '58

Ginger Hood Scott '58

Sarah Parker Springer '55

Robert Springer

Coles Meredith Squire '67

Patricia Caver '67

Elaine Dahl St. Vincent HA

Diane Gerringer Collie '78

Laura Bullock Crumbley '72

Jim & Kee Hood Marshall '79

Jayne Sneed '76

Monteray Scott Stabler '58

L. Vastine Stabler, Jr.

Carl Stern

Brookes McIntyre '71

Melody Pan Wong '93

Charlotte Stern

Brookes McIntyre '71

Karin Adams Stewart '47

Jean Stewart '72

Sally Sims Stokes

Daniel Hatch

Carrie Meyer Suber '95

Gigi Good Majors '95

Talia Soper Terhune '60

Eugenia Bibb '62

Jay Tims

Lynn Hodge '68

Jane Neblett Tims '68

Penny Travelsted '75

Margaret Wells Hayslip '75

Katie Hill Vaden '72

F. Rogers Vaden

Jini Vockel '63

Andrea Cardarelli

Alice Applewhite von Oesen '42

Martha von Oesen Gilbert '74

and Robert Gilbert

Kathryn Kerr Walker '74

Ann Beatty '74

Kay Wood Watkins '52

Kay Cutchins Billingham '50

Jane Willingham Weems '52

Mary Mar Ragland Cox '52

Mary Kee Tankard Hood White '55

Jim & Kee Hood Marshall '79

Barbara Williams

Ann Fabirkiewicz

Lauren Grimmett

Chris Ivaniski

Farah Marks

Jack & Donna Moorefield

Cynthia Page

Teresa Watson

Ruth Estes Tanner

Rebecca Tanner Williams '86

and Steven Williams

Margaret Wood

Ann Monroe Tuemler '88

Mary Pinck Wood '88

Cynthia Harter Young '76

Lee Joyner Gallien '76

IN MEMORIAM

ALUMNAE AND ALUMNI DEATHS

*Listing includes notifications received
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1939	Helen Baker Gelzer	6/28/2021	1945	Jean Whitaker	4/5/2021	1949	Shirley Wilson Somers	7/23/2021
1939	Mary Roseborough Gilley	1/17/2021	1946	Elizabeth Leininger Dudley	6/2/2021	1949	Kathryn Benton Wyatt	7/14/2021
1940	Anne Adams Bishop	6/1/2021	1946	Betty Jo Warden Keirstead	4/7/2021	1950	Martha Jean Lowe Alvis	6/24/2021
1941	Rebecca Monroe Adams	5/7/2021	1947	Helen Palmer Bayler	5/4/2021	1950	Dorothy Teal Ashby	7/11/2021
1942	Alyce Cunningham Clark	4/25/2021	1947	Mary Ainsworth Hook	2/28/2021	1950	Ruth Lynch Barclay	5/5/2021
1943	Ruth Overton Carlock	7/17/2021	1948	Elizabeth Edwards Pless	3/18/2021	1950	Katherine Cutchins Billingham	1/30/2021
1944	Jean Johnston Clarke	6/1/2021	1948	Betsy Lawson Willis	7/17/2021	1950	Martha Haupt Carter	4/17/2021
1944	Florence Ridley	1/16/2021	1949	Mary Steele Estes	2/15/2021	1950	Elizabeth Herrink House	3/2/2021
1945	Cary Lou Edgar Voress	4/2/2021	1949	Virginia Parker Goslee	5/25/2021	1950	Jody Simpson Williams	4/23/2021
			1949	Joan Wood Kay	3/19/2021	1951	Jean Schaefer Bartlett	1/1/2021
			1949	Eleanor White McDonald	5/16/2021	1951	Beth Reu Johnston	8/14/2021
			1949	Georgia Beasley Orr	4/27/2021	1951	Marilyn Peterson Perreten	3/28/2021
			1949	Eugenia Summers Phillips	6/10/2021	1951	Frances Porcher	4/4/2021
			1949	Barbara Young Schaeffer	8/12/2021	1951	Jeanne Michell Seiberling	1/14/2021

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1951	Mary Lou Knerr Thayer	7/3/2021
1951	Isabel Thomson	2/23/2021
1951	Frances Gaynor West	8/1/2021
1952	Mary Woolridge Cross	6/9/2021
1952	Charlene Davis McLain	4/5/2021
1953	Jane Reed Caffey	2/13/2021
1953	Penelope Babcock Laingen	4/3/2021
1953	Wilma Cowart Martin	8/6/2021
1953	Catherine McCartney Sandahl	4/27/2021
1953	Liz Starr Towles	1/25/2021
1954	Ann Clark Gray	5/2/2021
1954	Charlotte Anne Farquhar Malone	8/2/2021
1954	Estelle Haltom Plyler	4/10/2021
1954	Sallylu Rhoad Sipple	6/23/2021
1955	Leslie Doyle Bolton	6/11/2021
1955	Jean Calvert Darby	2/6/2021
1955	Diane Newton Fecher	8/17/2021
1955	Sydney Russell Hemeter	5/2/2021
1955	Mildred Hill Hickson	1/12/2021
1956	Elizabeth Harrington Merritt	5/28/2021
1957	Marie Woody Harris	3/9/2021
1957	Helen Joiner Pointer	5/23/2021
1958	Elizabeth Pierce Colby	6/17/2021
1958	Barbara Crowder Schwan	1/6/2021
1958	Suzanne Summerville	3/17/2021
1958	Betty Gholson Tate	3/22/2021
1959	Linda Green Barousse	5/19/2021
1959	Jackie McIntyre Reynolds	1/12/2021
1960	Catharine Settle Anas	7/25/2021
1960	Cheryl Powers Carey	2/25/2021
1960	Gwendolyn Oakes Gaston	6/22/2021
1961	Harriet Hodges	5/1/2021
1961	Nancy Burnette Stanback	7/29/2021
1962	Anne Johnson Cuomo	2/3/2021
1962	Linda Beeley Denison	7/22/2021
1962	Nancie Roop Kennedy	3/24/2021
1964	Susan Arrington Gilbert	1/21/2021
1964	Kelly Donnelly Price	3/26/2021
1964	Dell Peek Rearden	3/12/2021
1964	Emma Jane Neelley Saxe	6/8/2021
1965	Catherine Yarnall Cant	4/5/2021
1965	Mary Parker Heilig	5/22/2021
1965	Caroline Smith McNamara	4/8/2021
1965	Muffie Moroney	4/19/2021
1965	Anne Wheeler Shull	3/16/2021
1968	Bonney Davis Andrews	8/15/2021
1969	Ann Richards Kearns	6/25/2021
1970	Maureen St. John McClain	5/17/2021
1972	Deborah Sanford Knight	1/8/2021
1982	Anna Bethune Collins	7/22/2021
1990	Teresa Reynolds	6/27/2021
1994	Elizabeth Cornwell Dwiggins	3/27/2021

1995	Andrea Roy	6/9/2021
1996	Sandra Whitten Beale	2/19/2021
2002	Carolyn Reichard	3/17/2021

ALUMNAE AND ALUMNI FAMILY DEATHS

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1953	Spouse of Sally Stevens Luck Edward Luck	6/27/2021
1956	Sister of Margaret Baxley Chew Cater Baxley Neville	7/14/2021
1956	Spouse of Jean Nooe Miller Richard Miller	4/29/2021
1957	Spouse of Marie Woody Harris Stuart Harris Jr.	2/12/2021
1959	Son of Betty Jo Fite Hays Daniel Hays	1/23/2021
1959	Spouse of Harriet Whitten Franklin Whitten	08/27/2020
1960	Sister of Margaret Brish Wagner Marianne Brish Evett '54	2/4/2021
1961	Spouse of Gretchen Goerdel Nelms Charles Randall Nelms, Jr.	6/13/2021
1965	Spouse of Dorothy Davis Fielder Douglas Fielder	4/28/2021
1965	Sister of Ellen Davis Shelton Margaret Davis Andrews '68	8/15/2021
1966	Spouse of Sharon Bouck Smith Roger Smith	7/5/2021
1968	Mother of Cynthia Clarke Martin L. Johnston Clarke '44	6/1/2021
1968	Spouse of Jane Neblett Tims Jay Tims	5/12/2021
1970	Spouse of Janice Tolley Goldrich Lawrence Goldrich	4/1/2021
1970	Son of GeorgeAnn Grubb Peter Samuels	5/7/2021
1970	Spouse of Rebecca Malone West David West	7/22/2021
1971	Spouse of Libby Stewart Beam Donald Beam	1/26/2021
1971	Spouse of Sherley Osgood Keith Craig Keith	1/1/2021
1972	Spouse of Stuart Tuggle Harkleroad Roland Harkleroad	5/29/2021
1972	Parent of Clare Roberts Austin Roberts Jr.	5/22/2021
1975	Mother of Joan Towles Matthews G. Starr Towles '53	1/25/2021
1975	Father of Beth Barnes Nichols	

1975	Robert Barnes	3/13/2021
1975	Parent of Connie Cosby Shannon W. Cosby Jr.	2/13/2021
1975	Mother of Ellen Phillips Smith Eugenia Summers Phillips '49	6/10/2021
1977	Parent of Barbara Roberts McCarthy Austin Roberts Jr.	5/22/2021
1978	Mother of Alicia Clarke L. Johnston Clarke '44	6/1/2021
1978	Mother of Ann Keirstead Reed Betty Warden Keirstead '46	4/7/2021
1983	Mother of Kathryn Briscoe Hines Gwendolyn Oakes Gaston '60	6/22/2021
1986	Father of Mary Jaap Bellman Joseph Jaap	2/1/2021
1987	Father of Patricia Wilson Martin James Wilson	3/2/2021
1988	Mother of Mallory Troxler Lehn JoAnn Troxler	1/5/2021
1990	Mother of Jill Mattern Allen Janice Mattern	3/9/2021
1990	Father of Julie Hatcher Brammer Raymond Hatcher	6/24/2021
1990	Mother of Anne Ruggerio Carlson Janice Ruggerio	4/24/2021
1991	Father of Wendy Nelms McCabe C. Nelms Jr.	6/13/2021
1992	Mother of Mary Ruggerio Mannucci Janice Ruggerio	4/24/2021
1994	Mother of Kathryn Ruggerio Hermann Janice Ruggerio	4/24/2021
1995	Father of Sarah Bailey Turgeon William Bailey	3/5/2021
1997	Father of Ellen Thompson Cochran Gary Thompson	2/26/2021
1997	Mother of Lilian Castillo Hutchinson Lilianna Padilla Nickols	
1998	Father of Elizabeth Halberstadt Jon Halberstadt	8/9/2020
2007	Mother of Becca Williams Gallier Barbara Williams	6/21/2021
2009	Mother of Libbie Williams Hall Barbara Williams	6/21/2021
2011	Father of Lorenzo Alvarez Espiridion Climaco Alvarez Jr.	7/19/2021
2014	Father of Ryan Purrington Roger Purrington	6/13/2021

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	Former Trustee Roger H. Mudd	3/9/2021
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