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AROUND RANDOLPH

FROM THE PRESIDENT



It is with great pleasure that I send greetings from behind the Red Brick Wall. While I love all the seasons on campus, this is one of my favorites. There is a sense of energy and enthusiasm, traditions abound, and the colors of fall make an incredible backdrop to this amazing place.

We've been busy here at Randolph. Not only did we welcome the

largest—and most diverse—incoming class in six years, we have added new academic programs and are recruiting for new athletic teams. TAKE2 continues to bring positive results on campus; our faculty report better test scores, improved writing, increased attendance, and more. We also had the largest number of students on the Dean's List in 10 years. Prospective students and their families are taking notice as well. This new approach to learning has made us distinctive in the educational landscape, and I'm proud of everyone on campus who has made this a reality.

We also have some incredible speakers scheduled for the coming year, and I invite you to join us if you are able. These include Anthony Abraham Jack, a scholar and sociologist from Boston University, and author Angela Davis. We also will welcome poet and writer Nikki Giovanni as our Commencement speaker in May. And we are bringing back the Pearl S. Buck Award. This year, we will present Jetsun Pema, sister of the Dalai Lama and founder of the Tibetan Children's Villages for orphan and refugee children, with the honor.

We are also excited to launch the last phase of our Martin Science Building renovation fundraising campaign. We hope to begin the renovation as early as January. I know this project will have a lasting effect on students and faculty here at the College.

This issue of *Vita* gives you a small taste of the interesting things happening on campus, but I encourage you to follow us on social media for more great stories.

Vita abundantior,

Sue Ott Rowlands

Sue Ott Rowlands
President

NEWS



Office of College Relations recognized

The work of Randolph College's Office of College Relations received seven awards, including a Best in Show, from the Annual Educational Advertising Awards and five awards from the Collegiate Advertising Awards. Randolph was one of just 16 schools nationwide to be recognized with a Best in Show award from the Annual Educational Advertising Awards, the oldest, largest, and most respected educational advertising awards competition in the nation. Other recipients included large schools like Rutgers, Clemson, the University of Louisville, and Auburn University.

Princeton Review recognizes Randolph professors

The Princeton Review ranked Randolph College 23rd for most accessible professors in the 2024 edition of its college guide, *The Best 389 Colleges*. Randolph was also ranked 22nd for Best Health Services and was singled out as one of the Best Mid-Atlantic institutions in the 2024 Best Colleges: Region by Region web feature recognizing colleges that are academically outstanding. Additionally, the College continued its tradition of being named one of The Princeton Review's Green Colleges.



SOCIAL MEDIA SPOTLIGHT



@randolphMACSL

MACSL students, alongside other dedicated Lynchburg community members, had a blast helping to build a playground at W.M. Bass Elementary.

Tag **@randolphcollege**, and your photos could be published in the magazine!



Randolph student presents during VFIC business meeting

Eva Pontius Hey '23 presented on Randolph's climate resilience work at the Virginia Foundation for Independent Colleges' (VFIC) annual business meeting in June. Her talk focused on the climate resilient food forest she designed for R.S. Payne Elementary School. The work was a result of VFIC's Heat Watch Project, which surveyed temperatures in Lynchburg during the summer of 2021 to identify neighborhoods with higher temperatures than others. Hey worked with Randolph professor Karin Warren last summer to research food forests, and using the Heat Watch data, identify possible locations for the project.

Giovanni announced as Commencement speaker

Nikki Giovanni, a world-renowned poet, writer, commentator, activist, and educator, will serve as Randolph College's 2024 Commencement speaker on Sunday, May 5, 2024. A leader in



the Black Arts Movement, Giovanni has published numerous collections of poetry, written several works of nonfiction and children's literature, and taught all over the country, most recently at Virginia Tech, where she was named a University Distinguished Professor in 1999. She is also the recipient of a wide range of awards, including the 2022 Ruth Lilly Poetry Prize, the inaugural

Rosa L. Parks Woman of Courage Award, the American Book Award, the Langston Hughes Award, the Virginia Governor's Award for the Arts, the Emily Couric Leadership Award, and a Literary Excellence Award.

College exceeds Annual Fund goal for FY 2022-23

Randolph College exceeded its Annual Fund goal for the 2022-23 fiscal year, ending with a total of more than \$2 million. Total giving to the College exceeded \$6.3 million from more than 2,600 donors. Student scholarships, capital improvements, academic resources, diversity and inclusion initiatives, and new graduate programs were also made possible by these donors. In addition, the College is moving into the last stages of its Martin Science Building revitalization fundraising campaign.



Randolph announces two new sports

Randolph College announced the addition of its 21st and 22nd varsity athletics teams this summer. Women's and men's wrestling will join the WildCats lineup for the 2024-25 academic year, competing in the NCAA Division III. Randolph is finalizing plans to use nearby off-campus facilities for the wrestling teams and has hired the head coaches.



Randolph named one of nation's 'best and most interesting institutions'

The Fiske Guide to Colleges once again recognized Randolph as one of the nation's "best and most interesting institutions." The 2024 edition of the guide praised Randolph for offering students a place to be themselves while earning a strong liberal arts education. Randolph's unique offerings—the American Culture Program, \$2,000 RISE grants, the Summer Research Program, and Honor Code—were among the reasons why Fiske recognized the College again this year, in addition to its rigorous academic programs, close community, picturesque campus, and rich traditions.

New program allows students to start college sooner

Randolph launched a new program this fall that provides students with an easier and faster way to transfer or enter college. Under the new plan, students were able to enroll for the beginning of Session 2 in October. Most colleges make students wait until the next semester to transfer or enroll. "Because of the innovation of TAKE2, Randolph's curriculum model, students here take two classes at a time for seven weeks," said Gary Dop, dean of innovation. "The uniqueness of this method allows us to offer this unusual enrollment option for students."



Pearl S. Buck Award to be reinstituted this spring

Jetsun Pema, the younger sister of His Holiness the 14th Dalai Lama, will be the recipient of Randolph College's Pearl S. Buck Award, which is given to women who exemplify the ideals, values, and commitments of Buck, a member of the Class of 1914 and the first American woman to receive the Nobel Prize for Literature. Pema, who has dedicated her life to educating Tibetan children in exile, will receive the award during a ceremony on April 18. She is the seventh recipient of Randolph's award.

\$300K raised during annual Give Day

Randolph College's Give Day brought in more than 650 Annual Fund gifts totaling over \$300,000 and counting—including more than \$80,000 matched by donors. It was the College's third time hosting its own unique day of giving in support of the Annual Fund, which provides vital, unrestricted support for the student experience at Randolph. This year, gifts came from 45 states and 16 countries. The classes with the most donors were 1978, 1965, 1968, and 1969.



College stages 2023 Greek Play, Euripides' 'Ion'

The College's Greek Play tradition—which dates back to 1909—continued this fall with October performances of Euripides' *Ion*. Amy R. Cohen, classics professor and Randolph's Catherine Ehrman Thoresen '23 and William E. Thoresen Chair of Speech and Theatre, directed the play, with music direction by music professor Randall Speer and choreography by Mitchell Ngwenya '25.



Professor, students travel to Nepal for ASIANetwork-funded research

Suzanne Bessenger, Randolph's Barbara Boyle Lemon '57 and William J. Lemon Associate Professor of Religious Studies, and Presidential Fellow Liz Perry-Sizemore led three students on a trip to Nepal last spring, funded by a Freeman Student-Faculty Fellowship awarded by ASIANetwork. Delaney Scott '23, Jordyn Shumpert '25, and Kai Miller '24, all comparative philosophy majors, joined Bessenger in researching women's empowerment, education, and feminism in the Buddhist world. Randolph President Sue Ott Rowlands also joined the group to meet area alumnae and families.

FACULTY AND STAFF

John Abell

Carl Stern Professor of Economics

Abell published the article, "Redlining in Lynchburg: Lingering Effects on Home Valuations," in the *Virginia Economic Journal*. He also presented the same paper at the Virginia Association of Economists' annual conference in April.

William Bare

Associate Professor of Chemistry

Bare had a photo accepted into the 2023 National Juried Photography Show at the Academy Center of the Arts in Lynchburg this fall. The exhibition, which opened in September, featured 34 artists from 10 states and was juried by Alex Grabiec, curator of exhibitions for The Longwood Center for the Visual Arts at Longwood University.

Suzanne Bessenger

Barbara Boyle Lemon '57 and William J. Lemon Associate Professor of Religious Studies

Bessenger received the Katherine Graves Davidson Scholarship Award, which recognizes the importance of faculty research, scholarship, and achievement, during Convocation this fall.

Gary Dop

Dean of Graduate Studies & Innovation, Professor of English, and Founding Director of Randolph's

Master of Fine Arts in Creative Writing

Dop published two poems in the *North American Review*, the oldest literary magazine in the United States, this fall: *On Dys•coffering Dyslexia at 44* and *On Being Important in Atlanta*. Dop also created a 3D digital version of the former, a wooden cube that can be moved on the reader's phone or computer screen.

Jennifer Gauthier

Professor of Media and Culture

Gauthier received the Katherine Graves Davidson Award, which recognizes a member of the full-time faculty who has been outstanding in bringing distinction to the College, during Convocation this fall.

Meghan Halbrook

Associate Professor of Sport and Exercise Studies and Director of Randolph's Master of Arts in Coaching and Sport Leadership

Halbrook received the Gillie A. Larew Distinguished Teaching Award, which is given to a member of the faculty who has demonstrated excellence as a classroom teacher.

Sarah Sojka

Associate Professor of Environmental Studies and Physics

Sojka presented at the The American Rainwater Catchment Systems Association in September in

San Antonio, Texas.

Laura-Gray Street

Professor of English

Street co-edited the On Rivers issue of *About Place Journal*, the literary journal published by the Black Earth Institute, with Teresa Dzieglewicz and consulting editors Lucien Darjeun Meadows and Irene Vázquez. She also co-edited the EcoArts Issue of *The Global South*, an interdisciplinary journal focusing on how world literatures and cultures respond to globalization.

Karin Warren

Herzog Family Professor of Environmental Studies & Science

Warren was installed as president of the Association of Environmental Studies & Science during a joint conference with the Association for the Study of Literature and Environment in July. At the conference, she presented a research talk, "Climate-resilient urban food forests to address climate vulnerability, food insecurity, and inequitable heat risks in Lynchburg, VA," and led the discussion, "Getting the most from external reviews before, during, and after."

Warren also presented about heat mapping and community climate resilience and participated in a collaborative workshop—Urban Forest Projects for Resiliency—during the Resilient Virginia conference in early August.

NEW BOARD OF TRUSTEE MEMBERS

Several new members joined the Board of Trustees this fall. They include alumnae, friends, and parents of the College.



Kathy E. Brown '76
New York, NY



Joy Abbot Inkpen '92
Wolfeboro, NH



Glee C. Smith '92
Augusta, GA



Katherine A. Doyle
Covington, VA



Gilbert E. "Bud" Schill, Jr.
Chesterfield, VA



Karen E. Zaruba '89
Ann Arbor, MI

Supportive ROLES



MFA in Theatre
program kicks off
first session



The inaugural class of Randolph College's Master of Fine Arts in Theatre program had its first on-campus residency in July. The program was made possible in part from a leadership donor, Dorothy Orgill Kirsch '55.

The laughter rose from the small crowd gathered in Randolph's Student Center late one evening in mid-July. Applause soon followed as the audience showed their admiration for a series of short performances that marked the conclusion of the first residency for the College's new Master of Fine Arts in Theatre program.

Students in the program's first cohort gathered at Randolph this summer for a week of workshops, mentoring sessions with faculty members, and various social events, as well as rehearsals for the scenes they would eventually present.

"The opportunities that have come from this week have changed the trajectory of my life," said Georgia Tsolakis '25 MFA, who directed one of the scenes. "I've learned so much."

Tsolakis, who graduated from college in 2021, is a scenic designer by trade and came straight to the program from a gig with an opera company in Utah.

"The low-residency part interested me," Tsolakis said, "as well as the personalized track and mentor-mentee relationships."

The two-year program includes five residencies on campus and four semesters of virtual classes along with one-on-one faculty mentorship.

That format is also what attracted Rebekah Martin '25 MFA, technical director of theatre and music at the University of Arkansas Fort Smith.

Martin is exactly the kind of student the MFA program was designed for—working and aspiring theatre artists, educators, and leaders.

She is also an adjunct professor and mom of three. Thanks to the program, she's able to pursue her passions without uprooting her

family.

"This program just really spoke to me," said Martin, who is on the MFA's directing track.

Students in the program can choose from three tracks—acting, directing, or design—though many have chosen to pursue two tracks during their two years of training.

"In theatre, there's rarely ever just one thing to do," Martin said. "You get called to do everything."

The ultimate goal of the program, which will continue with residencies in January and June, is to help students develop their individual artistry and leadership through advanced, specialized training in acting, directing, design, producing, and management.

During the July residency, faculty members led sessions on topics ranging from storytelling to branding and identity to building safety in theatrical spaces. The week also included a film and TV panel, an on-camera audition intensive, faculty/mentor meetings, and other events.

"It was so wonderful to see the faculty and students connecting and forging those bonds," said Stephanie Earl, director of the MFA program. "It reinforced that we found the right people, individuals who are open, kind, and supportive."

Each residency is followed by a 20-week semester that includes an online class in diversity, equity, and inclusion "tied to our mission of theatre for the modern world," said Ally Farzetta, assistant director of the MFA program.

Students also spend that time working virtually with their faculty mentor while pursuing a project that fits into their goals as theatre practitioners.

Harper Whetzel '23, '25 MFA wrote, produced, directed, edited, and starred in a short film that will be shown on campus.

Whetzel called the virtual mentoring a unique and remarkable experience that has helped her build a professional portfolio and website and added to her acting reel.

"My mentor and I try to meet twice a month," she said. "We talk about readings I've done, watch videos of my recent work, and talk about my semester project and what next steps should be taken. It's gone exceptionally well."

Fellow student Gordon (Toby) Emert, Jr. '25 MFA, has also been immersed in his work since the summer residency. He directed a staged reading this fall, and following January's residency, will direct an original musical he's writing with support from a National Endowment for the Arts Research in the Arts Grant based on the podcast, *Million Bazillion*.

"I needed a program that would support the work I'm already doing," said Emert, a theatre professor at Agnes Scott College who holds a variety of degrees, including a PhD from the University of Virginia.

Support is the right word, and one the students used often as they praised the collaborative nature of the program.

And it wasn't just the students who walked away from the first residency feeling energized.

"We all have a voice at the table," said faculty member Karl O'Brian Williams, an actor, playwright, producer, director, and educator. "It doesn't feel hierarchical. I'm bonding with people and feeling love and connections that I don't get everywhere. I feel seen, loved, and appreciated."





Jaelyn Evans '22
finds her niche on
Capitol Hill

Jaelyn Evans '22 works as a legislative correspondent/staff assistant for U.S. Rep. Mike Quigley (D-IL), overseeing his internship program.

POLITICALLY CHARGED

Jaelyn Evans '22 is no stranger to the halls of Congress, a place she's called her work home since graduating from Randolph College.

But, not too long ago, she found herself rubbing shoulders with political leaders in a different setting—the White House Congressional Picnic.

"It was incredible, walking up to huge names like Nancy Pelosi and Hakeem Jeffries to say, 'Hi, I love your work,'" said Evans, who posed for photos with both Democratic leaders, as well as President Joe Biden, at the event. "I've gotten used to working alongside congresspeople, seeing them in the hallways. But it was so interesting to go to the picnic and see them in a completely different light."

Evans, who majored in political science, began her career on Capitol Hill during the fall of 2022 with an internship in the office of U.S. Rep. Mike Quigley (D-IL).

It was something of a full-circle moment for the Chicago native, who had actually visited

Quigley's office as a young teen.

"I always had Congress in the back of my mind, so I started applying to jobs and internships on the Hill, and Congressman Quigley's office was one I was excited about," she said. "He represents the North Side of Chicago. I'm from the South Side, but we're all one big constituency."

As an intern, she fielded calls from constituents and led tours of the Capitol, something she felt prepared for thanks to her time as a Gold Key Guide at Randolph.

The tours also helped her maintain perspective on the unique position she's in.

"They're seeing it for the first time, in awe and taking photos," she said. "It's a good reminder that this is really cool, and we should remember that. It makes you appreciate where you work."

After two months as an intern, Evans took a job as a staff assistant with U.S. Rep Gerald E. Connolly (D-VA) before returning to Quigley's office this February in a similar role.

She now oversees his internship program, helping students whose shoes she once filled herself. She's also flexed her legislative muscles by working on memos with Quigley's team.

One of her favorite parts of the job is the work she's able to do with the Honor Flight Network, a national nonprofit that works to bring United States military veterans to Washington, D.C., to visit memorials dedicated to their service and sacrifices.

"We print out a Congressional record acknowledging their visit and thanking them for their service," Evans said. "I get to drive those over to the monuments on those days."

The leadership opportunities she had at Randolph—serving as Student Government president, among them—have played a big role in her work.

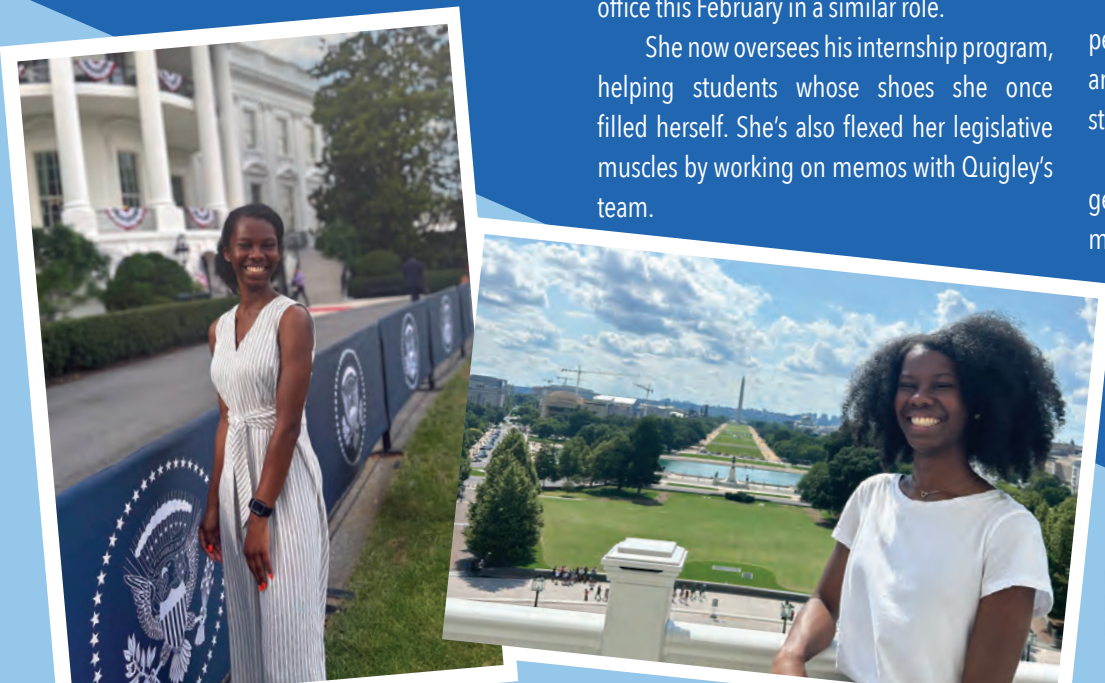
"It's also helped me just in thinking on my feet," she said. "As SG president, there were many things that happened quickly, and I had to adjust, particularly serving as president the first year we came back post-Covid. I learned a lot about being flexible and doing things in a different way than anyone had ever done them before."

Quigley encourages his staffers to hang up pennants from their alma maters in his office and proudly points them out when high school students visit.

Now, thanks to Evans, a whole new generation of students are finding out what it means to Be An Original.

"My desk is the first one people see as they walk into his office, and I have a giant Randolph College pennant," she said. "There are a lot of students discovering Randolph."

Evans attended the White House Congressional Picnic this summer.

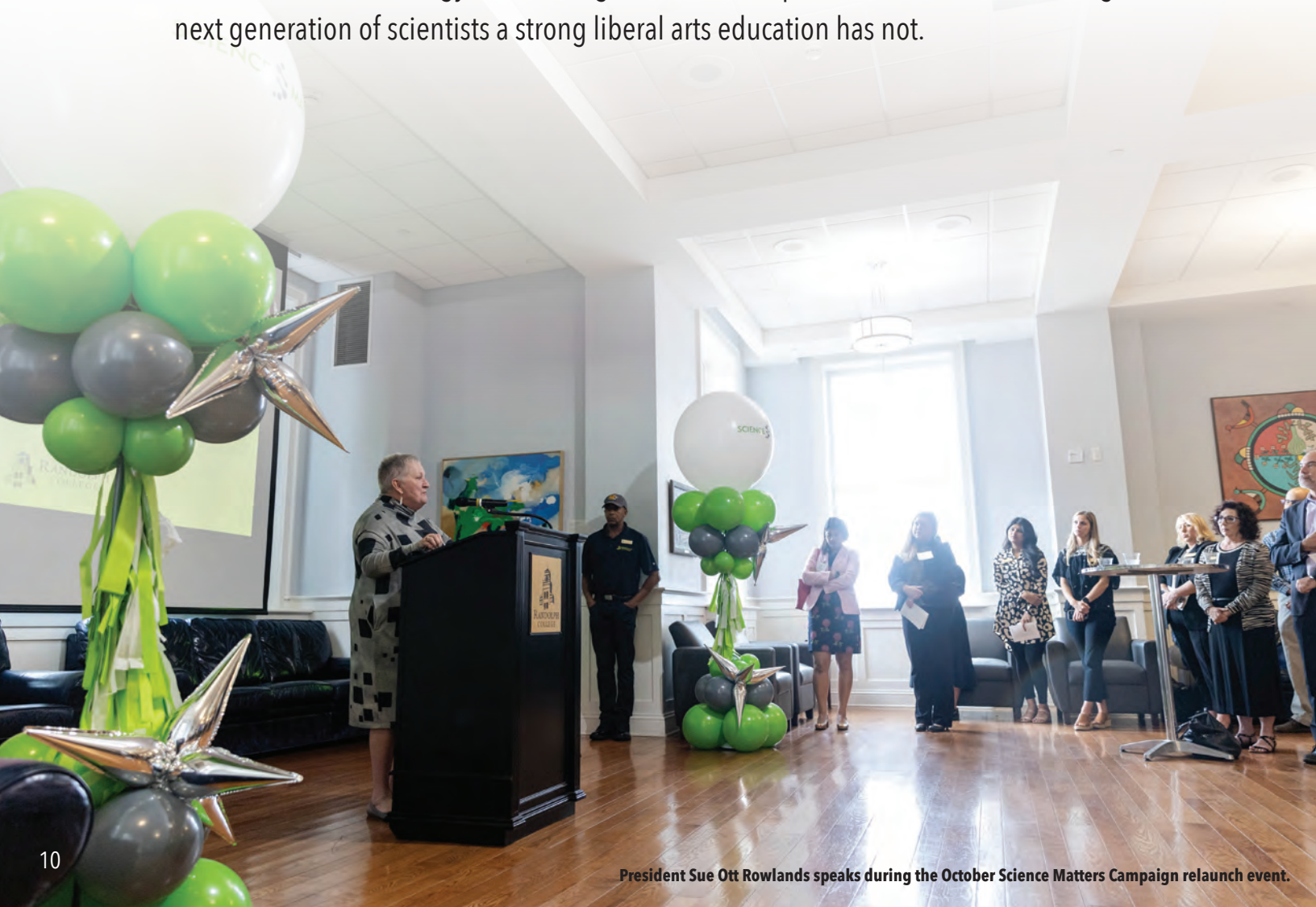


SCIENCE MATTERS

Randolph kicks off last leg of Martin Science Building renovation campaign

Randolph College has always been known as a pioneer. At a time when most women were not educated in the sciences, the College offered courses in physics, astronomy, biology, chemistry, and more—with “equipment as complete as may be found in the best colleges for men in any section of the country,” according to the local newspaper circa 1898.

Times and technology have changed, but Randolph’s commitment to offering the next generation of scientists a strong liberal arts education has not.



"We are humbled by the response of 43 leadership donors who have given so generously to this project over the last five years and who have been instrumental in our progress thus far."

- Farah Marks, Vice President for Institutional Advancement



As part of that commitment, the College relaunched its Science Matters campaign for the renovation and revitalization of the historic Martin Science Building.

This milestone event in Randolph's history was celebrated at a special event in October, where the campus community was joined by the College's Board of Trustees, local leaders, and area alumni.

"To attract and retain the most academically talented students and to keep pace with the scientific advances that drive the curriculum in contemporary college science programs, our Martin Science Building must reflect Randolph's rich history and the high academic caliber of our current endeavors," said Randolph President Sue Ott Rowlands.

"Modern science labs are designed for collaboration to allow for better communication during lectures or research. Maker education, the process of learning through creativity, interdisciplinary



An architect's rendering of a new space in Martin Science Building



Photos from the College's archives

A LOOK BACK



An exterior shot of Martin Science Building

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- Sue Ott Rowlands, Randolph College President





Architect's renderings of the renovated science building

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sciencematters.randolphcollege.edu



concepts, and experimentation are all in high demand. In contrast to Martin's enclosed corridors, an ideal building design features light and open spaces that facilitate interaction between students and faculty," she added.

Built in the late 1930s and named in memory of Fernando Wood Martin, the first scientist on the College's faculty, the 38,000-square-foot Martin Science Building provides a historic setting for Randolph students and faculty.

The upgrades will be an invaluable resource for students in the College's biology, chemistry, physics and engineering, math and computer science, marine science, and environmental studies and sciences programs, as well as the Natural History and Archaeology Collections Project.

While primarily remaining true to

its original architecture, the building will undergo an interior transformation, becoming a welcoming space that inspires communication, curiosity, discovery, and innovation.

Renovations will bring the building up to current standards, resulting in a place that is more comfortable and fully accessible, with better climate control, lighting, and campus integration.

With the addition of the modern technological and scientific resources expected by today's faculty and students, the new facility will highlight Randolph's passion for the sciences.

Renovations will begin in January 2024, and the new building is expected to be ready by fall 2025.

Though the project's original public launch was stalled due to the pandemic, the

enthusiasm for the project has remained strong.

The College has already received approximately \$16.4 million in gifts and pledges toward the project goal of \$23 million and estimates receiving \$3.7 million in state historic tax credits, leaving \$2.9 million needed to complete the campaign.

The Mary Morton Parsons Foundation also notified Randolph that this project is eligible for a matching grant opportunity in the amount of \$250,000. Randolph is required to meet the match by May 2024.

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PAGES of HISTORY

College partners with Lynchburg Public Library to explore legacies of slavery

The ledger book—kept by Seth Woodroof, a known Lynchburg slave trader in the 1830s—was a rare find.

Found in the collection of Jones Memorial Library in Lynchburg, it detailed information about the enslaved people Woodroof sold.

"This information is extremely valuable," said Garrett Reynolds '24,

a history major who is digitizing the book as part of his internship with the library. "It's a part of Lynchburg history that isn't often talked about."

In the book, Woodroof consistently used the first and last names of the enslaved and who they were sold to. It's a unique find; most records from the time period include very little information.

"Many of the enslavers were from the Mississippi region, so it helps to track the movement of enslaved persons from the East Coast down into the deeper south," said Lisa Lee Broughman '94, director of Randolph's Lipscomb Library. "It's also something, when digitized, that can be shared on websites that help Black Americans trace their genealogy."

As part of his internship, Reynolds transcribed the ledger book, an arduous task that involved deciphering Woodroof's handwriting and writing style. He also scanned in images of the pages, which had to be handled with extreme care.

"The book is so old, with the earliest entries dating back to October 1833," said

Reynolds, who is now comparing the names listed in the ledger to the 1870 census, to see how many of the enslaved people were still alive at that point. "It's made out of leather, and it's small. The spine is disintegrating. I had to handle it very carefully."

His work provided the foundation for a project, called "Lynchburg: Named," that has brought together Randolph College and the Jones Memorial Library to explore the region's legacy of slavery and fill in information gaps related to African Americans in Lynchburg.

"Issues of slavery and the enslaved haven't really been dealt with in Lynchburg," said Randolph history professor Gerry Sherayko. "This was much more of a slave trading city than has been acknowledged. We are not an exception. We are part of it, and our story needs to be told."

This summer, Sherayko, Broughman, and Deborah Smith, executive director of the Jones Memorial Library, were one of seven teams chosen to attend the Legacies of American Slavery Public History Institute at Yale University and share information about



History professor Gerry Sherayko and Lisa Lee Broughman '94, director of Lipscomb Library, attended the Legacies of American Slavery Public History Institute this summer at Yale University.

"Lynchburg: Named."

The institute is part of The Council of Independent Colleges' Legacies of American Slavery project, a collaboration with the Gilder Lehrman Center for the Study of Slavery, Resistance, and Abolition at Yale's MacMillan Center.

It included seminars, site visits, and workshops focusing on public memory and interpretation of slavery.

Teams also presented about individual projects and received feedback from each other.

"It was phenomenal to be around people from other small, liberal arts colleges who are doing, at the ground level, really good work," Sherayko said. "Especially in a time when there are people who don't want to talk about this very thing."

The trio even made a connection with the new director of the Black

History Museum and Cultural Center of Virginia. They're planning a fall visit to the Richmond museum to discuss future collaborations.

Sherayko and Broughman hope the "Lynchburg: Named" project will be a starting point for developing research projects that address Lynchburg's antebellum history, and, eventually, coverage of Black-lived experiences during the Jim Crow era and the Civil Rights movement.

They said the experience at the institute was invaluable to their work with the College's museum and heritage studies major.

"This is important work that contributes to the community of Lynchburg," Sherayko said, "but also feeds into the kind of work we want to do to attract students to that major.

"Our team got a lot out of it," he added, "and I think contributed a lot to it."




As part of his internship with Jones Memorial Library, Garrett Reynolds '24 is digitizing a ledger book kept by a slave trader in the 1800s.



For more information, or to contribute to the Kobra Ahmadi Nader '10 Scholarship for Displaced Students, please scan or contact the Office of Institutional Advancement at 877-769-2443.



Parwin Ahmadi '27 places a pin on a map showing Randolph international students' countries of origin.



An aunt's legacy and the unrelenting devotion
of alumnae help bring Parwin Ahmadi '27
from war-torn Afghanistan to Randolph

freedom FLIGHT

Parwin Ahmadi '27 can still vividly recall her last days in Afghanistan.

In the days after the Taliban invaded Kabul in the summer of 2021, Parwin and her family—her older sister, Somaya, along with their parents, younger brother, and grandmother—were among the thousands of people waiting at the airport to leave the country.

"On that first night at the airport, I gazed up at the sky, filled with countless bright stars," she said. "It was a breathtaking sight, but the coldness in the air only added to the heaviness in our hearts as we left our home behind."

The family made the perilous journey to the airport with help from a network of the College's alumnae from across the world—a group that banded together and worked their connections to ensure that the

family found not just safety but that the children could eventually continue their education.

It took several days before they were cleared to leave Afghanistan on a military plane. They had no idea where it was headed.

"It felt really strange leaving our country like that," she said. "We were on a military plane, not a regular one you'd expect when leaving a country. Normally, you know your destination when you board a flight, but we didn't. It was a truly sad and unusual experience, and I can't emphasize enough how sad it felt."

"I had always dreamt of leaving my country," Parwin added, "but my vision was to find scholarships for education, and then return to contribute to my homeland. I never imagined that I'd be leaving in such a sorrowful manner."

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- Parwin Ahmadi '27

A FAMILY LEGACY

Parwin started classes at Randolph this fall as the first recipient of the Kobra Ahmadi Nader '10 Scholarship for Displaced Students. The scholarship is named in honor of her aunt, who attended Randolph as an international student with assistance from alumnae and The Initiative to Educate Afghan Women.

Kobra, a graduate of the Class of 2010, tragically died in a car accident in 2012, but left behind a legacy.

"Kobra was kind, thoughtful, very smart, and she truly loved her country," said Susan Sardina '70, who became close with Kobra after she came to the United States. "Everything she achieved, she achieved on her own, and it was remarkable. It shows how hard work and commitment can really pay off. And now that's continuing with her nieces, which is really very exciting."

Parwin and Somaya had always hoped to follow in Kobra's footsteps at Randolph.

"In our family, education is highly important," Parwin said. "Our parents always wanted us to study and become independent, just like Kobra. She was the

first girl in our family to get an education, and even though she's not with us anymore, her legacy remains strong, especially in our commitment to education."

A PERILOUS JOURNEY

When Kabul fell to the Taliban, Parwin and Somaya were studying at the University of Kabul. That, in and of itself, made them targets, as well as their father's work with the Afghanistan Independent Human Rights Commission.

"We were so afraid because he had all the documents and his uniform," Parwin said. "We had my aunt's pictures from when she was studying here. We were hidden, all of us, in the house. We couldn't leave our house at all."

"We were filled with deep, paralyzing fear of the Taliban and the uncertainty it brought," Parwin added. "As a young girl, I simply wanted to learn, read, and dream beyond my home. But the Taliban's strict rules for girls made these dreams seem impossible. It was a battle to keep hope alive, but I held onto the belief that one day, somewhere, my dreams of education and a

life without fear would come true."

Sardina, too, was afraid, and immediately reached out to Somaya to check on the family. She knew something had to be done to get them out of the country.

She tried going through political channels with no luck, then sent an email to Susan Fant '84, who reached out to the College. It snowballed from there as more alumnae found out about the family's plight and jumped into action.

"It was just a miracle that everyone was getting connected to each other," Parwin said in October, not long after she returned to campus from fall break.

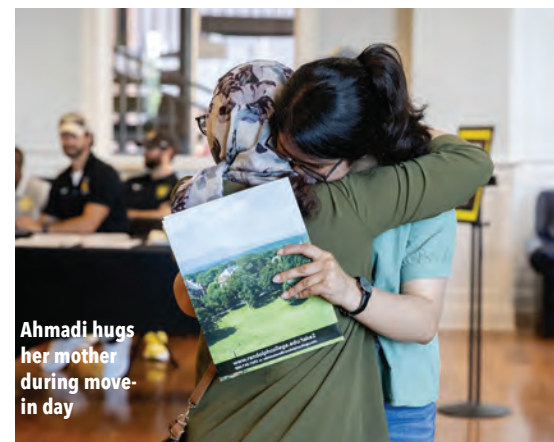
In Farmville, Juanita Giles '96 heard what was happening and started making phone calls of her own, learning about the complex processes involved in securing visas and sponsors for refugees.

All of their work—connecting with people on the ground in Afghanistan, as well as completing mountains of paperwork stateside—culminated in the family being spirited out of Afghanistan a few days after the Taliban's invasion.

"We talked a lot about Kobra's hand



(Left) Parwin Ahmadi '27 walks with friends on campus.



Ahmadi hugs her mother during move-in day

being on everything, miracle after miracle," Giles said. "Every tiny thing had to go perfectly, and every person had to show up at the right time."

The family finally boarded a flight several days later, eventually landing in Abu Dhabi. They lived in a humanitarian camp there for nearly a year—the first several months spent in quarantine with no time outdoors.

For Parwin, "those days were just like years," she said.

She found herself looking at the night sky once again, this time from a tiny window in the room she shared with Somaya.

"It was the only view I had for 11 months," she said.

Stacy DeLano '71, who worked at the College when Kobra was a student and became close with her, connected with the Ahmadi family while they were in Abu Dhabi. Like Giles and Sardina, she now considers them part of her own family.

"This whole thing is just a complicated web, and it all starts with Kobra," DeLano said from her home in Portugal. "I feel like she is looking down on her family, and she's taking care of them."

During their time in Abu Dhabi, the family found encouragement from DeLano, Giles, Sardina, and the rest of the alumnae who helped them.

"They encouraged us to hold on to hope," Parwin reflected. "People were reaching out to celebrate our birthdays. It was truly remarkable to discover that there were individuals who genuinely cared for us, even though we were complete strangers. In the midst of the challenging and nightmarish times, it felt like a ray of hope. Many compassionate souls extended their support, making our days in Abu Dhabi more bearable."

A MIRACLE

As the family waited and went

through various background and medical checks, the work among College alumnae continued.

Giles connected with nonprofit leaders in Farmville and put together a team to help the family with housing, food, jobs, and more.

By the time the family landed in the United States, a fully furnished home was ready for them in Farmville.

"Juanita was sending pictures to us of everything in the house," Parwin remembered. "It was amazing to have everyone waiting for us to come. It felt really good. We didn't know anyone in this country, but we had people waiting for us."

They met Giles, who Parwin and Somaya now call their godmother, in person for the first time on the day they arrived, and Sardina last fall when she drove down from Boston. They're still waiting to meet DeLano, but Parwin hopes to visit her in Portugal eventually.

Meanwhile, work to establish a scholarship in Kobra's name was ongoing behind the Red Brick Wall, with President Sue Ott Rowlands making the first leadership gift to the fund.

"I'm so incredibly proud to have been involved in any of it along the way," Sardina said. "Anyone who knew Kobra absolutely loved her. To think that, now, her name can live on is incredible."

Parwin, who is majoring in business with a minor in computer science, finished her first session with A's in both classes. She's excited about the possibilities of internships and plans to participate in Model United Nations next spring.

"I wasn't sure if I would be coming to Randolph at all," she said. "We were really hopeful to go to school again, to be educated, to be free. It's a miracle to be studying again."



Ahmadi visits with President Sue Ott Rowlands.



Kobra Ahmadi Nader '10, who passed away in 2012, with classmates

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- Parwin Ahmadi '27



Welcome To RANDOLPH

Largest
first-year class
in six years
arrives on
campus





President Sue Ott Rowlands offered a special welcome to the “mighty” Class of 2027 during Randolph’s Convocation ceremony.

“I speak for all of us when I say how happy we are to have you join our community,” she said, “and I hope you know how much we are looking forward to getting to know you.”

Randolph welcomed its largest class in nearly six years this fall, a talented, diverse group that only adds to the momentum the College has experienced over the last year.

“When I think about all that we’ve accomplished as a College, it is clear to me that we did these things because we worked together and because we believed we could do them,” she said during Convocation. “New academic programs. New athletic programs. Our largest first-year class in six years. New opportunities to connect with our local Lynchburg community. Renewed efforts to be a student-ready campus.

“By working together,” she added, “we are already defining ourselves in new ways and moving forward to meet the challenges of this era.”

The class includes 200 new students, which is a 36 percent increase over last year, and a total of 228 new students, including transfers, which is a 30 percent increase.

“We want to make Randolph as accessible and affordable as possible in order to open this enriching experience to more students.”

-Sue Ott Rowlands,
Randolph College President





"We are extremely proud of the growth that we are seeing," said Travis Carter, dean of admission and financial aid.

The growth can be attributed to a number of factors. Randolph has seen a tremendous response from prospective students and families to its new TAKE2 curriculum model, which was launched two years ago.

Under this model, students take two classes each seven weeks, with no classes on Wednesday.

"We know TAKE2 has made a difference in our enrollment, not to mention the success our students are having in the classroom," Carter said. "We have seen increases in test scores, the number of students on the Dean's List, attendance and more. Families see the difference TAKE2 is making in the lives of our students on campus, especially when you combine that with our small, beautiful campus, growing academic and athletic programs, affordable tuition, and caring faculty and staff."

The TAKE2 model also allowed the College to offer a new program this fall that provided students with an easier-and faster-way to transfer or enter college.



"We are doing the right things in terms of marketing the incredible experience that is available to students at Randolph. This incoming class is also extremely diverse, with 50 percent identifying as a person of color. Our high school GPAs have increased, and the number of first-generation students is nearly double what it was last year."

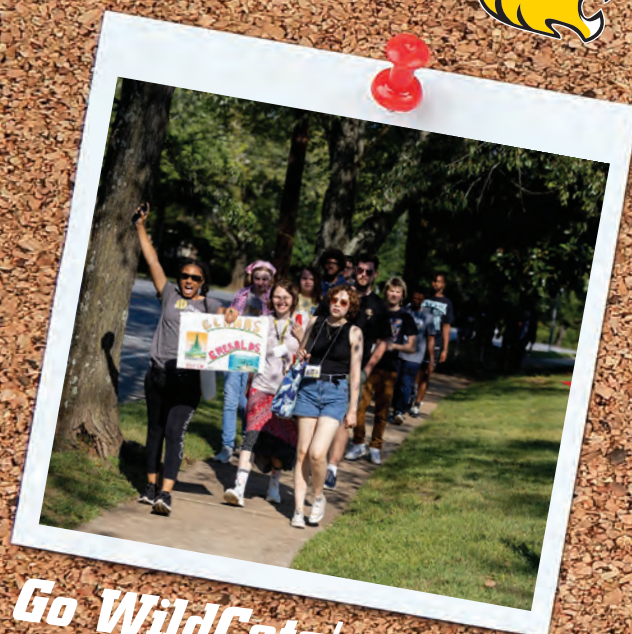
- Travis Carter, Dean of Admission and Financial Aid

Under the new plan, students could enroll to start classes at the beginning of Session 2 in October. Most colleges make students wait until the next semester to transfer or enroll.

"We want to make Randolph as accessible and affordable as possible in order to open this enriching experience to more students," Ott Rowlands said. "Not only does TAKE2 make us distinctive in the higher ed environment, it allows us added flexibility in situations like this."

The College has also expanded its academic offerings, adding six new majors, two new master's programs, and an honors program. The athletic program is growing as well, with four additional sports (women's STUNT, men's volleyball, and women's and men's wrestling) scheduled to begin in 2024-25.

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Go WildCats!





RISING TO MEET THE OPPORTUNITY

RISE grant provides students with funding to pursue their passions

Randolph's Innovative Student Experience (RISE) program gives students the opportunity to pursue their unique passions. Every Randolph College student can apply to receive a grant of \$2,000 for research, creative work, experiential learning, and other scholarly pursuits beginning in their second year.

In the past, students have used the RISE award to travel to singing competitions, purchase cancer cells for biological research, travel to the U.S. Virgin Islands to study water samples, research antioxidants in fresh fruit, and study abroad. The possibilities are endless. This grant provides more than just money for many students—it gives them an invaluable, often life-changing, experience.

Read on for a few recent examples.





Jadin Wilkening '24 interned with NASA's Disasters Program.



Randolph senior makes lasting memories during internship with NASA

Jadin Wilkening '24 spent her summer traveling between NASA headquarters in Washington, D.C., and the Goddard Space Flight Center in Greenbelt, Maryland, for her internship with the space agency's Disasters Program.

The program uses Earth-observing data and applied research to improve the prediction of, preparation for, response to, and recovery from hazards and disasters around the world.

Wilkening, a computer science and mathematics major, used a Randolph Innovative Student Experience (RISE) grant to cover her living expenses during the 10-week internship.

"The financial support allowed me to fully focus on my internship without worrying about the cost of living," she said. "It also allowed me to embrace the opportunity fully, growing both personally and professionally, and making lasting memories during this pivotal time in my life. It played a crucial role in shaping my internship journey at NASA."

Wilkening gained hands-on

experience and expertise with front-end and back-end technologies, data visualization, and user experience design while working as part of a small team of interns developing and maintaining an internal website that connects scientists, engineers, and researchers with resources, data, and other essential information.

She also flexed her problem-solving skills and gained confidence contributing to projects.

"The internship has been a transformative experience that bridges the gap between academic learning and real-world application," said Wilkening, who wants to pursue a career in software engineering or web development. "I'm eager to build on this foundation. These skills are directly transferable to my academic projects and future career pursuits, giving me a competitive edge in the job market."

"As I move forward," she added, "I feel optimistic and well-prepared to pursue my goals and make a meaningful impact on the technology industry."

AIM FOR THE STARS

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William Olichney '24 studied Mandarin through the American Councils for International Education's Taiwan Intensive Summer Language Program.

IMMERSIVE EDUCATION

William
Olichney '24
takes advantage
of opportunity to
study in Taiwan

Memories from his summer in Taiwan come quickly to William Olichney '24.

Like the time he and a group of friends got lost on the way to the beach. Or, later that same day, when they stumbled upon a Sunday afternoon karaoke session.

He fondly remembered a trip with his host family to Taoyuan to make pottery and a visit with their youngest son to one of Taiwan's night markets, open-air street fairs full of specialty food stalls, vendors, and entertainment.

"The stalls seem to go on forever," said Olichney, who spent eight weeks in Taiwan

as part of an immersive language program in Mandarin. "They sell every kind of snack imaginable, from squid or snake soup to boba tea. We would walk around, eat, and walk around until we got hungry again.

"I could mention all sorts of stories, which might not even sound exciting," he added. "But the added level of needing to use Mandarin to navigate through made them unforgettable and fantastic."

Olichney studied Mandarin through the American Councils for International Education's Taiwan Intensive Summer Language Program (TISLP).

He took four hours of classes a day at National Tsing Hua University in Hsinchu, Taiwan, a mix of lectures, drilling practices, discussions, and one-on-one conversations. On weekends, students took cultural excursions to museums and historic sites. He also stayed with the aforementioned host family for a weekend.

Throughout it all, Olichney could never fall back on the crutch of speaking his native language.

"I love trying to circumlocute," he said. "How do you explain your meaning if you don't know a particular word? Paragraphs of other words. Bumbling around a more convenient word will also force you to practice speaking."

He had previously studied Mandarin with Randolph professor Kun An, but knew he needed something more intense to become fluent.

"I needed an environment where I would be forced to practice my Mandarin alongside other competitive students," he said. "Not only was the program necessary for improving my language skills, but it also improved my resiliency and cultural awareness."

Olichney, a history and economics double major with a minor in Asian studies,

was awarded a prestigious Fulbright-Hays Group Projects Abroad (GPA) grant through the United States Department of Education.

The GPA program is designed to contribute to the development and improvement of the study of modern foreign languages through a variety of projects, including immersive language programs.

The \$7,915 grant paid for most of his tuition to TISLP, and a RISE grant covered his travel expenses.

Olichney called it one of the best experiences of his life.

"While the coursework was the most intense I've ever experienced, it was also the most gratifying," he said. "I loved these classes so much. I always wanted to practice new grammar or vocabulary. Every week, my Mandarin improved immensely."

He'd eventually like to attend graduate school for East Asian studies, but is also interested in policy analysis and design, international business, and trade.

"I study history and economics. In both of these disciplines, Mandarin-speaking countries are interesting and significant players," he said. "Any educational route that leads me to use Mandarin and improve my research skills has been in my sights since my first year at Randolph."

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TAKE A WALK ON THE WILD SIDE

Kathryn Davis '24
spends the
summer in
Australia studying
marsupials

This summer, Kathryn Davis '24 attended the School for Field Studies, one of the United States' largest environmental study abroad programs.

Kathryn Davis '24 lived an adventurer's dream over the summer in Australia.

She swam alongside a hawksbill sea turtle, a critically endangered species, while snorkeling the Great Barrier Reef—and spotted humpback whales on the boat ride over.

She watched wallabies during an overnight camping trip to Australia's Granite Gorge Nature Park and visited two wildlife sanctuaries.

And those were just the excursions she took with her fellow students in the School for Field

Studies (SFS), one of the United States' largest environmental study abroad programs.

The actual work Davis did was based at the SFS Center for Rainforest Studies in the Wet Tropics of Queensland World Heritage Area, which stretches along the northeast coast of Australia.

Made up largely of tropical rainforests, it's home to a wide array of plants, marsupials, and singing birds, as well as other rare and endangered animals and plants.



Davis' work was based in the Wet Tropics of Queensland World Heritage Area, which stretches along the northeast coast of Australia.

"Since my program focused on marsupials, almost all of which are nocturnal, we did a large amount of spotlighting for both terrestrial and arboreal activity between dusk and dawn," said Davis, an environmental studies major. "We split into groups and walked around in various forested locations with headlamps and flashlights to see what activity we could spot."

Living and working in the environment they were studying was invaluable.

"It gave me firsthand experience with conservation field work in one of the most diverse ecosystems in the world," Davis said. "As students, being with our program leaders and professors a majority of the time gave us so many opportunities to never stop asking questions and get more information to push our education further."

Her time in Australia was supported by a RISE grant and a global studies scholarship, which provides assistance to students who want to study abroad.

"Having something like the RISE grant and the scholarship directly available to students only encourages us to pursue alternative learning opportunities," Davis said. "There is a lot of support from faculty

and staff to apply."

Davis and the students in the SFS program completed final projects sharing data from their nights spotlighting; her presentation focused on how mammals there are reacting to changing conditions in the rainforest.

"Deforestation of rainforest areas is a huge issue in North Queensland, but there are many volunteer organizations focusing on rebuilding the fragments of open area between old-growth forests that were previously lost to logging and agricultural development," she explained. "Our report focused on the question of how mammals in general were reacting to the new-growth forests being rebuilt in the fragments between the old-growth forests."

Davis has always been interested in conservation, and after exploring different ways to pursue it, decided wildlife conservation is the right path.

"It's where I feel I can have the most impact," she said. "My SFS experience helped prove that to me as well. I've been around animals my entire life, and protecting and caring for nature is something I have always been passionate about, both in and out of the classroom."

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WILDCAT MEETS WILD CATS

Izaiah Burgos '24 spends
summer working for zoo in Africa

In one of the photos from his summer internship, Izaiah Burgos '24 kneels, his hand pressed against a chain link fence that separates him from some quite literal beasts of the wild—cheetahs, leopards, and pumas among them.

In another photo, creatures lay down, looking up at him inquisitively, while others feature animals standing on their hind legs, mouths pressed against his hand.

Some internships require students to learn software, file papers, or make phone

calls.

Hand-feeding these majestic creatures was just one of the responsibilities Burgos was charged with during his five-week internship with ZA Cheetah Conservation Cheetah Experience in South Africa.

The facility is home to a variety of endangered and threatened species, including cheetahs, leopards, wolves, male non-breeding lions, African wildcats, meerkats, and even a Siberian tiger.

Its mission is to raise awareness of

the vulnerability of South African species through educational experiences, while also ethically breeding cheetahs in captivity and releasing them into protected reserves.

"It was surreal," said Burgos, who also prepared their food, cleaned enclosures, monitored camera traps, and did perimeter checks. "To be around them and care for them was rewarding and never felt like a chore, no matter how hard the work was. You fall in love with them so quickly. You learn their behaviors and come to know the



Izaiah Burgos '24 spent five weeks interning in South Africa with the ZA Cheetah Conservation Cheetah Experience.

animal."

Cheetahs have always been his favorite animal, but he was also charmed by the leopards at the facility.

"They're beautiful and always seem to be thinking through everything," he said. "One of the leopards I'd train wouldn't break eye contact with me while I was feeding her and leading her through the behaviors. It was humbling, to be in front of a predator and know I had its willful cooperation—a bond of sorts."

For Burgos, a biology major, the experience was the culmination of a lifelong passion for animals he has pursued since coming to Randolph.

In 2021, he interned with Sarasota Jungle Gardens, a zoo in Florida that's home to more than 200 native and exotic species, including birds of prey, primates, small mammals, alligators, crocodiles, and pink flamingos.

He stayed closer to home during the summer of 2022, completing an international externship with the National Geographic Society and The Nature Conservancy focused on marine conservation, while still making plans to head to South Africa before his senior

year.

"Exploring the natural world, and the animals in it, was always a dream of mine," said Burgos, who used a RISE grant to pay the fees associated with ZA Conservation's internship program.

"Having the RISE grant means opportunities and learning," he added. "Without RISE, I wouldn't have been able to travel to Africa this year. I wouldn't have been able to undertake a training project or learn how to care for such spectacular animals. I'm glad RISE is something I was able to use, but also that other students can also utilize this for any opportunities they want to pursue."

Burgos is still deciding what his next steps will be after graduation. He eventually wants to pursue graduate school, but might work a few seasons as a wildlife technician or try to go abroad again.

His ultimate goal, though, is to continue what he started this summer in South Africa.

"There are amazing animals all over the world, but there's something special about big cats," he said. "I love working and being around them. I hope to work in both their care and their conservation someday."



Being so close to the animals was a surreal experience for Burgos, a biology major.

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Chemistry professor Bill Bare's passion for photography began about seven years ago.

leaving *Books* and *Beakers* behind

Chemistry professor earns
photography honor

It was a fall morning, and Bill Bare had just trekked into the mountains to take photos of fog rolling through the Blue Ridge at sunrise.

As he was driving down U.S. 501 past Georgia-Pacific's paper mill in Big Island, inspiration struck. The mill's smokestacks were surrounded by fog in the early morning light, and Bare stopped to capture it on film.

"It was really fortuitous," said Bare, a chemistry professor at Randolph. "It was a cold morning, so most of it was just river fog. But it added a nice atmosphere to it."

The resulting image, *Smokestacks*, was recently accepted into the Academy Center of the Arts' National Juried Photography Exhibition, which was held in September in downtown Lynchburg.

Bare's work has previously been accepted into other shows around the state, but for him, this one is particularly special.

"To have a photo in a juried show in my own town is a big thrill," he said.

Bare first became interested in photography about seven years ago, after taking the scenic route home from a conference in upstate New York.

"I drove through all these little towns with old, wooden churches and town squares," he remembered. "I started taking pictures, and it was so relaxing."

At the time, he was armed only with his cellphone. But Bare upgraded in 2020 and bought his first camera.

"I barely knew which end to look into," he joked. "So I started watching videos online.

It was amazing how much I could learn by watching YouTube and going out to practice."

He's since joined the Blue Ridge Photographic Arts Society. As far as his interests, he's dabbled in nightscapes—landscape photos taken at night—and lately has been focusing on architecture.

Bare shares his photographs on a website, *Barely Competent Photography*, where he talks about leaving "my books and beakers behind" to hit the road in search of something to photograph.

For him, photography is a meditative experience that allows him to clear his mind.

"It takes all of my concentration, and everything else disappears," Bare said. "It's therapeutic."





CHRISTINA HUA '11

WHY DID YOU DECIDE TO ATTEND THE COLLEGE?

I was born and raised in China, and I had always wanted to pursue higher education in the United States. I learned about Randolph through reading about the American author Pearl S. Buck, who lived in my hometown Huai'an when she first moved to China. As I researched Randolph College, I became drawn to its broad liberal arts education, exceptional faculty, and close-knit community.

WHAT DID YOUR EDUCATION AND EXPERIENCES AT THE COLLEGE MEAN TO YOU?

My education and experiences at Randolph College were truly life-changing. The rigorous liberal arts education helped me learn how to read critically, write cogently, and think broadly through exploring issues and ideas across the humanities, arts, and sciences.

As a non-native English speaker, I appreciated the College's focus on writing skills and the assistance provided by the Writing Lab. This training helped me become one of the best writers in my class at Columbia University, where I later earned my master's degrees in psychology and strategic communications.

HOW DID YOUR EXPERIENCES AT THE COLLEGE PREPARE YOU FOR LIFE AFTER GRADUATION?

The liberal arts education I received at Randolph prepared me for life after graduation and success in my career in management consulting. I learned to think critically and write clearly, and I was challenged to consider not only how to solve problems, but also which problems to solve and why. These skills are essential for success in any field, but they are especially valuable in management consulting, where

the ability to think strategically and creatively is essential.

WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO YOU TO BE A LEADERSHIP SUPPORTER AND MEMBER OF THE CONWAY SOCIETY?

I give to Randolph because I am forever grateful for the financial support the College gave me and the opportunities it afforded me. I believe it is my responsibility to give back so that Randolph can continue to educate and inspire future generations.

WHAT ARE YOUR FAVORITE MEMORIES?

I have many fond memories of Randolph, from the Odd class traditions to the gorgeous campus behind the Red Brick Wall. I made lifelong friends and had the opportunity to work with wonderful professors who went above and beyond to help me learn and grow. My mind was expanded exponentially, and my life truly became *Vita abundantior*.



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

The sculpture, *Dancing Girl*, is located beside Leggett Building. It was created in the 1940s by Florentine Craftsmen, a New York manufacturer of handcrafted statuary, in memory of Jane Leggett, the daughter of Ruth Leggett who died at 3 months of age. Originally the statue was in the Leggett family's backyard, but it was removed and gifted to the College in 1992. Ruth was the wife of Harold G. Leggett Sr., a College trustee for whom the Leggett Building was named.

FROM THE ASSOCIATION PRESIDENT



I had a grand time celebrating with the other '5s and '8s at the 2023 Reunion. It was a special treat to stay on campus—as a local alum I hadn't done it before! For you '6s and '9s, I hope you are planning to return for your Reunion, and I hope to see you at some events. At this year's festivities, we also got to welcome Heather Ayers Garnett '86 back to Casey House

as she returned to lead the Office of Alumnae and Alumni. The excitement, energy, and vision of Heather and her team are just what we need.

President Sue Ott Rowlands has been making the rounds and meeting so many of you. Please check the events page and follow us on social to see when she is coming to your district. She is a gem, and we are inspired by her energy to grow the alumnae and alumni network as more students enroll, graduate, and become fellow alums. Did you hear? The incoming class of students is the largest in six years and one of only five to reach 200 or above since 2000.

I am thrilled with the diversity and representation we have on the Association Board and will continue to increase transparency, inclusion, and equity in our work and governing and guiding documents. Thank you to the 2021 and 2022 Board, Bylaws committee, and Diversity, Identity, Culture and Inclusion (DICI) Ad Hoc Workgroup for your work reviewing and amending the bylaws that were considered by the membership in September. Thank you to the alumnae and alumni community for sharing your comments and suggestions and to those of you who voted on the proposed amendments. Though they did not pass, we heard you and will return to review and revise with a fresh perspective. The nominating committee is adopting new processes for receiving nominations and reviewing candidates which we hope will continue to foster diverse identities, ideas, and skillsets on the Board. You are the Association. We need your leadership and participation.

Get ready to connect! The district directors and office staff are redeveloping our alum network structure to revitalize the districts and chapters! There will be more to come about events and opportunities to engage with each other in a city near you. In the meantime, reach out to your district director if you'd like to be involved or get together with other alums.

As always, it's my honor to do this work for you. I love wearing this leadership hat and connecting with you. Reach out if you are in the 'Burg.

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

■ CLASS NOTES

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

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

December 9, 2023 (for the spring 2024 issue)

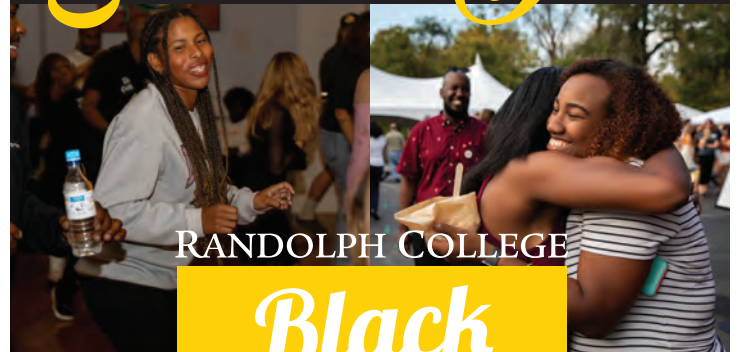
August 11, 2024 (for the fall 2024 issue)

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

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

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Ann Nowell Evans's husband, John Steed Evans, died on 1/5/23. They celebrated 70 years of marriage in 2022.



Judy Merriwether Arnold '56 with two of her sons, a daughter-in-law and a granddaughter

1952

Lucy Foard McCarl
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The slimness of our class notes is partly due to our thinning ranks. I would love to hear from some of you who have not said anything for a long time. The only news I have is about myself. In Feb. I had a fall, followed by a partial hip replacement, 4 days in the hospital, almost 3 weeks in a rehab center, and 6 weeks of therapy at home. I am almost back to normal. I have made an amazing recovery, to the surprise of everyone, including myself.

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Beth Perry Mouritsen is now living in San Antonio in order to be closer to family. Having spent most of her life in Dallas, she is looking forward to meeting new people and new experiences. "Hope everyone is well and happy!"

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Peggy Lester Hill writes, "My younger daughter and son-in-law will soon move into their new home nearby and I'll be on my own again. A mixed blessing! Their older daughter is beginning a fellowship in pediatric surgery at Texas Children's Hospital in Houston. Her sister is sales manager for a new boutique hotel in NYC. My older daughter and her husband remain in MD and are happily retired. **Sue Gill Adams**

says, "Life moves on rapidly and I am very happy to remain involved in it!" **Judy Merriwether Arnold** writes, "I am doing very well for 88 years. Keeping busy driving people to appointments, etc. Some local volunteering, reading, knitting. My granddaughter Isabel is an honor student at Vassar. Maddie starts at Bridgewater College in the fall where she will be on the varsity Equestrian Team. The rest are scattered and doing well. My son Duncan is in Frederick MD with his wife, Jill, and I am thrilled to have them close by. David remains a professor with tenure at SUNY and my oldest, Ed, lives and works here in Lancaster. My health is good and I am able to do almost everything. Very independent, an introvert, and very happy and at peace. Life is good!" **Lu Yeilding Downey** writes, "I spend as much time as I can at my place at Smith Lake swimming, not as many laps now, kayaking and boating. Yard work keeps me busy at both homes. Had a great wedding in Highlands NC in May. My son Howard, who said he would never marry, tied the knot a month before his 60th birthday. Don't have as many friends now. I miss them." **Harriet Starke Bryan** writes, "I recently turned 89. My best gift is my driver's license that expires in 6 years. I imagine I will expire before it does! I live in Englewood, FL. It was once a sleepy fishing village. Now it is a very busy retirement community. I live in a gated community on a golf course. Last Sept we were visited by a storm named Ian and everything you saw on TV was true. I live with my adorable tiny poodle, Chloe. She has more friends than I do. I go to a United Methodist Church that just voted to leave the United Methodist Church. I am involved with the Emmaus community and I have a Bible correspondence ministry through Crossroads Prison Ministry. The highlight of my day is golf cart riding with Chloe. Otherwise, I live with a lifetime of great memories. Yes, I can still remember things as amazing as that might be. I hang out with my friend who is also on a walker. We are the "Holy Rollers"! I exercise most days in my pool. I have a lot to be thankful for." **Elizabeth "Poochie" Forgey Watt's** daughter, Lissy Cowdery, replied that her mother has Alzheimers and is in a memory care facility. "She shared so many wonderful memories with me and my sister and we miss the smile on her beautiful face when

talking about Randolph-Macon." **Mabel Wynne Allen's** son, Byron, responded that his parents live in their home but don't get out much. They have short term memory issues. They are happy together in Tenaflly NJ. The 3 children all live nearby. **Jean Nooe Miller** writes, "I am living in a nice retirement home. We were able to move in while Dick was still living. Of course I miss him, but I am happy that he was here with me. Our sons were able to move about an hour away and are very attentive. I am trying to relearn to use a computer and want to do some writing." **Maggie Baxley Chew** writes, "Bill died in 2018. I stayed in the house until Nov. '20 and moved into a senior living facility. It is the next chapter in my life and I am fine. It is a small furnished apartment with 3 meals a day and lots of activities and nice people. My son and his family live in Augusta and are very attentive. 2 grandchildren at UGA. One just returned from a study abroad in Australia. Grandson graduated from UGA and is in a masters program in math and will go to business school. Granddaughter in 10th grade. My sister died in 2021 and I really miss her. My 2 daughters both live in VA. I have not been to R-MWC in a number of years, but maybe if we have another Reunion, my daughter Dorothy can take me. She graduated in 1986. I am active in book group and the Readers, we started in 1964 and it has been a big part of my life. I am in 2 garden clubs." **Anne Montgomery Vaughan** writes, "Widowed some years ago, I am able to live alone and can still drive, shop, cook and entertain. I read and go to the local theater, to meetings, and to some volunteer activities. I am very fortunate to have family members also living in this small community. I don't walk very well nor very far, but I'm simply glad to be able to get around at all!" **Martha Martin Field** is still in her house. Her son and daughter-in-law are nearby. She is involved with "Life Long Learning" at Christopher Newport University in Newport News. **Ann Jeter Baldwin** lives in the Hampton Roads area and is thankfully in good health mentally and physically. **Margaret Whitney Shiels**, "I still live at our ranch in Kaufman, Texas. I am glad to have Robert, my husband here in good health. We are slower but I am driving so I take to local appointments. Son David and Daughter in law, Carol, take us to out of town doctors. They are close by. Son Frank and Marie live in Fort Worth. Daughter Heather and husband Randy live in Austin. When Granddaughter Sara married last fall, my cousin came from NY and our former exchange student came from France. I still volunteer at our wonderful library but have resigned from all the boards and committees that I used to be on. Robert's eyesight has failed so I read many books out loud so that we can both enjoy them. I talk to **Olive Worth McCord** from time to time and to **Bobbie Wright Massie**."

Sylvia Greene Camp lives in Jupiter FL, on the Loxahatchee River close to her 3 children and 4 grandchildren. The other 3 grandkids and 2 great grandchildren reside in TX.

1957

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From **Judy Hill Lawes**: "My big trip this year was to Richmond for 4 days in Apr, where on my 87th birthday I attended my 70th reunion at St. Catherine's. It was especially nice that I could celebrate reuniting with my sister Jean Davenport, having her 65th reunion and my niece Jill celebrating her 35th. For those of you who live in Richmond I hope you get a chance to attend a play, dance program, or event in the new state of the art Endeavor Theater on the St. Catherine campus. It is the largest all-girls prep school still existing in the USA, I believe (preschool-12). While I was in Richmond, daughters Louise and Catherine gave me a lovely party with extended family attending. **Anne Mize Barnett** moved this year to a retirement home called Waverly in Gladwyne PA. Her daughter, Kate Barnett Brown and her family now live in the home Anne and family lived in. **Adgie Williams Dirom** of Lynchburg attended the most exciting theater experience of her life. It was at an outdoor presentation of *Into The Woods*, held outdoors at an 1824 plantation in Amherst County. Alex and Adgie are spending more time at home in respect of their ages and conditions. They are able to attend church every Sun, a play or concert now and then, and they read all the rest of the time. Life is good! Even at 87 and 89! **Mary Martin Davis Bowen** says she has spent the summer renovating her house at Lake Rabun in Northeast GA and on her condo in Decatur GA. All is finished now." And from **Joan Jorns Atkins**: "I continue to enjoy life; all 3 children, their spouses, and 6 grandchildren, all doing well. Finally COVID is down enough that I feel comfortable doing day trips from Annapolis. My book club is at my Mariner Bay Apartment complex and meets 2x a month. We have bonded over our love of books. I miss my Senior Center courses, which take a vacation in the summer. My son set me up to host Zoom conferences, so I Zoom fairly often with friends who have moved away from Annapolis. The Smithsonian visual lectures have been outstanding. I help out making flower arrangements for the Naval Academy Chapel altar. It is always a joy to be in this beautiful building early on a quiet morning watching the sun come in the Tiffany stained glass windows." **Sandy Coats Morrel** sent news: "We stay busy here at Lakehurst with interesting lectures, trips, and programs. I just returned from VA Beach with all



1957: (Left to right) Monica Dirom Wiley, Alex Dirom and Adgie Williams Dirom



(Left to right) Jane Aurell Croft '61, Louise White '59, Phyllis Smith Spence '55, Marion Prince Moore '58, and Sandy Coats Morrel '57 at Blakehurst

the family. I have actually found a place to rent on the beach, large enough to sleep all 30 of us (4 generations now with my 7 great grandchildren; we were ages 3 mos. to 87 yrs). I have managed to stay healthy and walk 3 mi. every day. Don't expect to get back to campus, but the expansions must be interesting. It would be such fun to see everyone." As for me, your Secretary, I continue to live at The Colonnades in Charlottesville, with many friends and plenty to keep me busy. I am in charge of our Community Garden, for those in Independent Living who still want to grow things. I have 2 raised beds myself with test lilies from my farm and other perennials. I have just returned from 5 wks. in Pickering, Yorkshire, UK visiting my daughter Megan Murray and family. Megan and husband Ron met me on the 18th in Philadelphia and I flew back with them to the UK. For the last week of my visit my younger daughter **Katie Kelly Richards '91** from Lynchburg, with her daughter Emily, a recent EC Glass HS graduate, flew up to Pickering to join us for a week from Valencia Spain, where they had been to see Katie's oldest daughter Lucy, attending a UVA sponsored summer course in Spanish. Then, I flew home with my daughter and granddaughter. I was lucky to be able to have this trip, because I had a mild stroke on May 7 with no paralysis except for a minor drop on the left side of my upper lip, now not visible. Put me back on a statin and continued baby aspirin. Heart monitor for a month showed no A-Fib, so this month I will return to UVA Hospital where I will have an implant on upper left shoulder to monitor my heart for 2+ yrs to find now where the clot might have come from. In



Aileen Wilson Kelly '57 at Pickering Castle, Yorkshire, UK visiting daughter Megan Murray



Jinx Broadbuss Patel '58 and Rena Jones Johnson '59 at the wedding reception for Rena's granddaughter in GA in March

the meantime I was told to continue my 2-3 mile walks a day and continue with normal activities. Next year I will have 3 granddaughters at UVA. My husband, Jim, who taught Nuclear Engr at UVA for 35 yrs would be proud. While I was in the UK, a Tampa friend sent me the notice of the death of our dear R-MWC classmate and my close friend over the yrs, **Joyce Bass Henley**, who died on July 11 in Tampa. We had kept up over the yrs, and I had just spoken to her before I left on my trip. If you remember she suffered with severe rheumatoid arthritis throughout her life but never let it limit or define her, to quote her family. She was amazing and I will miss her very much.

1958

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Yay! Fabulous '58'ers, Again we broke an attendance record for our 65th Class Reunion! 15 of us plus our honorary sister, **Susan Verklin Klein**, are in the 1958 Class Photo: **Dolly Stover Halmagyi Cardwell**, **Tuxie Hardy Cosner**, **Toni Scott Day**, **Margie Joiner Deer**, **Barbara Watson Deery**, **Anne Lawhon Harrington Hall**, **Jean Love Hammond**, **Norma Halmagyi Hanson**, **Anne George Kime**, **Jinx Broadbuss Patel**, **Ann Verbeke Richards**, **Teva Rupert Rittenhouse**, **Caroline Teague Ward**, **Fran Zollinger White**, and **Patti Greathouse Wood**. **Martha Weisiger Fraher** and **Barbara Brown Woltz** came on Sat. We were all on the first



(Left to right) Martha Weisiger Fraher, Ann Verbeke Richards, Barbara Watson Deery, and Anne Lawhon Harrington Hall

floor of Wright Hall with an elevator that took us directly to Cheatham Dining Hall – especially for breakfast! We had air-conditioning, but the rooms were too cold, so we had to request blankets. We survived walking down the hall to the bathroom and taking the showers! Fri for the *Filiae Tuae* luncheon (celebration for alums celebrating their post-50th Reunion) with President Sue Ott Rowlands, we gathered in the Wimberly Recital Hall in Presser. Susan and John Klein also joined us for this event. We gathered in the lobby of Wright for visiting, chatting, singing, reminiscing, and for our Class Meeting on Sat. morning when we remembered all who are no longer with us by calling out their names. Sat. was a very special day for me (Jinx) since I received one of the Alumni Achievement Awards at the Reunion Celebration. I am so honored, grateful, fortunate, and thankful for receiving this award. (My family also attended and stayed in a condo in downtown Lynchburg.) I am the third in our class to receive this award. The first was **Suzanne Summerville** and the second, our beloved **Renie Ferguson Steves**. Sat. evening, we had a fabulous gathering, including the Kleins, for a delicious dinner at the lovely home of Ann Verbeke Richards. We had a wonderful and fun time during our 65th Reunion and missed all of you who were not with us behind the Red Brick Wall! In Apr, **Pat Parrish Harris** wrote "On Easter morning, I opened the previous day's mail and read Jinx's letter and cried. I am so sad about missing our Reunion. With the rollator that I use to stand and walk, it's just too much of a challenge. Dostoyevsky's words accurately expressed my sentiments about Randolph-Macon. I am convinced that I am a better person because of whatever happened there in those 4 years and 4 walls. I treasure old friends and old memories. Thank you for the letter and the tears it brought. I will be with you all in spirit as you reunite, and give thanks for each of you by name."

Anne Harden Bradford who regrets not being able to attend the class of 1958's 65th Reunion wrote, "As I fondly remember all members of the 1958 Reunion committee, I would have liked to be able to attend and reconnect with my classmates. However, over 50 years ago my husband Bill became a volunteer physician at the



(Left to right) Will Cardwell, the husband of Dolly Stover Cardwell, Patti Greathouse Wood, and Barbara Brown Woltz at a dinner for the 65th Reunion at the home of Ann Verbeke Richards

YMCA Camp Sea Gull on the coast of NC and we continue our 3 weeks in early June volunteering at the Camp. We came to Durham and Duke in 1965 for Bill to do a year's Fellowship at Duke Medical School. Bill's appointment as a Professor the following year has kept us here for the past 56 years. We have both been very involved with the Duke and Durham communities over the years and are still employed by Duke. Bill works with the Duke Medical School Admissions Committee and I am beginning my 43rd year as an employee for Duke Undergraduate Admissions. I had a nice visit with classmate **Nancy Sims Preston** in Nov at a Duke Medical Alumni event where our husbands have served as leaders for a number of years. My interest in Randolph College remains strong as I continue as a long standing member of the Ivy Society. I am proud of my school and wish all well as Sue Ott Rowlands begins her Presidency of the College." Also in Apr, Nancy Sims Preston thanked all of us on the Reunion committee and wrote "With all that said, it grieves me to have to tell you that I will not be able to attend our Reunion in June as I have several conflicts - an eye procedure at Duke, a family wedding and a graduation party - all previously scheduled during the same time period. While I won't be there in person, you will all be in my heart and mind as I think about all the fun you will be having together, catching up with all that is new and remembering our wonder filled days of yore." Ann Verbeke Richards continues to be our Class Agent and I, your Class Secretary. So please stay safe and healthy and send news!

REUNION MAY 16-19, 2024 **1959**

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I have not received any news to report as many of us are returning from vacations or family gatherings. Here is an idea you may not have considered. If you no longer wear your class ring why not donate it back to the college for a student that cannot afford one. Write a letter about yourself that the school can share with the student that receives your ring. Send the ring with your contact information to: Randolph College, Office of Alumni Relations, 2500 Rivermont Ave., Lynchburg, VA 24503. **Harriet Jones Whitten**



1961: (Front row, left to right) Alice Hilseweck Ball, and Macon Foster McCrossen. (Back row, left to right) Libba Wingo Hicks, Jane Meredith Wolf, Barbara Hackney Redd, and Helen Barber Boone

writes, "I moved from Lynchburg to Georgia in Dec. 2020, where I'm living near one of my daughters in a senior independent living facility. I'm enjoying being a GA alum now and getting to know new friends. Ed Dinwiddie, the husband of **Betty Day Dinwiddie**, father of **Anne Dinwiddie '86**, brother of **Susan Dinwiddie Cline** died 03/12/23.

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1961

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The news from the Class of 1961 has been sparse this year. We know you're out there and we hope you are well, busy and happy. Please let us hear from you. Some ideas: family, hobbies, classmates seen, moves, trips, anything! Climate change has taken the place of Covid-19 in the news this summer, so we hope you're staying safe in the excessive heat. The Covid-postponed trip to Santa Fe finally happened! **Helen Barber Boone** wrote, "We had a glorious week in Santa Fe in Apr. **Libba Wingo Hicks**, **Alice Hilseweck Ball**, **Jane Meredith Wolf** and I shared a nice house near downtown. **Barbara Hackney Redd** hosted us for several meals and **Macon Foster McCrossen** joined us for several days. Barbara and Macon arranged some special tours for us at various museums. We tried to see it all: Santa Fe, Taos, Abiquiu, Ghost Ranch, etc. We had some great meals and learned to choose between red and green chilis for Christmas! At Casa Sena, the background of our group photo was a painting of sunflowers!" Helen sent the group photo which, hopefully, will be included with the Class Notes. It was great to see their faces and know they had a great time. Speaking of classmates photos, the spring *Vita* had several of **Gretchen Goerdel**

Nelms at an Alumni event with President Sue Ott Rowlands. Hopefully, we'll see more of you in event photos since we missed our last Reunion and who knows the future. Jane Meredith Wolf continued her travels in July joining **Susan Walton Carroll**, **Nancy Burch Wilkinson** and **Harriette Moskowitz Will**, all Class of '64, for a week in London. "It was an absolute blast! Harriette found a great apartment in northeast London, which was our home. Each day we set out on the Underground/Tube: visiting the British Museum, the Wallace Collection, and the National Gallery (including our magnificent Bellows' *Men of the Docks*). We had "High Tea" in a grand hotel; took a "London Walk " in Mayfair; attended an organ concert at St. Paul's Cathedral; and saw 3 outstanding theatre productions: *The Play that Went Wrong*, *We Will Rock You*, and *Tina the Musical*. See the Class of '64 Notes for more detail and a photo." Thanks, Helen and Jane for sharing your travel memories! Unfortunately, there were also deaths in the '61 family last fall: **Nancy Riedel Conrad**'s husband, Walter died 9/24/22, husband of **Marion Love Farmer**, James, died 06/12/22, and **Camilla "Cam" Knox Jovicich**. Please keep their families in your prayers. It's not as good as an in person Reunion, but the ZOOM calls set up by the College are a way to stay in touch. Please join in when they are scheduled. Your smiling faces make our day! With an eye on health; please stay safe while in this new normal phase of our lives! Thanks for sending news. Please keep it coming; we (and your classmates) love to hear from you. Emails, letters and phone calls are welcome. Our Private Facebook page, Randolph-Macon Woman's College 1961 Friends 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 9, 2023.

1962

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Sue Judkins Stewart reported that they have sold their wonderful home on the outer banks of NC. For over 25 years Randolph Macon friends gathered for mini reunions to rehash Macon stories and make them better than ever. She indicated that she and Jess are enjoying retirement living in FL and highly recommend Fleet Landing if you are still deciding on a retirement location. Jess is receiving the best medical care for his lymphoma in Jacksonville. Sue enjoys museum trips and visits to historical sites in the area. Sue adds, "Hope this short note

finds classmates and friends healthy and enjoying the many years of 'abundant life.'" **Frances Mayes** was happy to report that *A Place in the World: Finding the Meaning of Home*, a NYTimes bestseller, was published by Crown. Abrams published a fast pasta cookbook, *Pasta Veloce*. Frances and husband Ed spend half the year in Durham and half in Cortona, Italy. She is now busy working on a novel. **BJ Dyer Durrill** had a wonderful trip to St Louis in May to celebrate the confirmation of granddaughter May by the Bishop of St Louis, the 53rd birthday of son Cole and the 25th anniversary of Cole and wife Jennifer. Cole's daughter Jamerson graduated from UCLA and works at Wells Fargo Advisors in NYC. Daughter Libby turned 57 and granddaughter Janie turned 21, both in June. In July, all 3 participated in a 5K marathon. BJ noted it was her first and maybe her last marathon but not bad for an 82-year-old. **Joanne Butterworth Katnik** lost her husband Dennis Caton in 1997. In 2001 she married Richard James Katnik, a retired pediatric neurologist. They met while learning to square dance. Between them they have 9 grandchildren and twin great grandchildren. Joanne learned to play the baritone or euphonium and has played in a band conducted by well-known conductor Glenn Shull in Ft Collins since 2016. Joanne noted that she has had an interesting life enjoying animals, riding horses, dancing, playing bridge and making new friends. **Gerry Zink Gray** and husband have dealt with health issues, she with stomach issues and he with CCL, a form of leukemia. Gerry and family, along with her sister's family spent a week at Paws Up, a resort in MT. The ages ranged from 3 to 85 for the 21 attendees. They enjoyed 3 weeks with their children and grandchildren in Wareham. Gerry noted they are doing fine but moving a little slower and often get tired. **Anne Luther von Rosenberg** and husband Chaz are doing well at their independent living facility in Westwood MA. They are an hour away from Marion MA where daughter Heidi and family moved to live full time. The grandchildren are 16 and 14; their granddaughter is driving. Their grandson is a Tiger Woods wannabe and is off to prep school this fall. Anne reported that **Sandy Bailey Kirkpatrick**'s husband David died in summer of 2022 and **Anne Kean Schmidt** died in Jan. **Martha Kemp Gray** left a phone message full of news. After living on a ranch in WY for 30 years where they raised buffalo and played tennis and golf, they moved to Braselton GA to be close to their son and grandson. Another son is a lawyer in Tokyo. Martha, husband Jon and sons traveled to Africa each summer for 18 years to visit friends and hunt while the boys were growing up. **Susan Addington Hutcheson**, your class secretary, recently heard an old song from the '60's, "Where Have All the Flowers Gone" and wondered where

have all my classmates gone? I miss hearing from so many of you who have e-mail addresses or get postcards. I will gather news again for submission in Dec. and would love to hear from all of you. It has been too long. Pete and I continue to enjoy life at Cedarfield, a continuing care facility in Richmond. We are both mobile and busy with numerous activities and good friends. I continue to paint and have multiple paintings displayed throughout the halls at Cedarfield and other Richmond venues. We enjoy dining with **Jane Fenlon Rowe** and husband Pres who also live at Cedarfield.

1963

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We were a small but mighty group, the 7 of us who attended our 60th Reunion in June: **Susan Gallagher Astarita**, **Judith Evans Brown**, **Patsy Derby Chaney**, **Bettie Jones Corey**, **Shanda Kiser Horner**, **Suzanne Van Kesteren Tankard**, and me. A highlight of the weekend was meeting Shanda's charming husband Garnett and enjoying a glass of wine in their home. Another was being sought out by a lovely younger alumna who introduced herself as **Pinky Blundell Carlton '63** (dec.)'s sister, **Susan Blundell Dymond '73**. We shared many warm remembrances. A third was the announcement that our class gift, \$50,318, exceeded our goal of \$35,000! Many thanks to our generous classmates. On Sun, 3 of us made a trip to the garden and home of Anne Spencer, a member of the African-American Harlem Renaissance who lived in Lynchburg during the early 20th century. She and her husband were hosts to many of the outstanding African-American figures of that day, including W.E.B. DuBois, Zora Neale Hurston, Langston Hughes, and Martin Luther King, Jr. It is a sad commentary on the social and racial strata of the 50s and 60s that we (or I at least) never heard of her during our years at R-MWC. On her way to Reunion, Patsy Derby Chaney enjoyed a visit with **Grace Carmichael Finkel** and husband Joe in Birmingham before driving to Knoxville to drive the rest of the way with Bettie Jones Corey. Patsy says that following Reunion, she is more aware of using what R-MWC taught her, has discovered the lost art of reading books, and has a new dedication to getting in better physical condition. **Tish Montague Grant** writes that she and husband Will "are in pretty good shape for 81, but with the usual stiffness, etc." Having survived a total knee replacement in Mar, she was preparing for a visit from her 2 granddaughters and other family for their annual "Camp Grant" in Aug, including swimming and boating in the beautiful



1964: Susan Walton Carroll, Nancy Burch Wilkinson, Harriette Moskowitz Will, and Jane Meredith Wolf at the National Gallery, London with George Bellows' *Men of the Docks*

Ware River in VA. Tish extends a welcome to any of us who are in the area, to enjoy their free-standing guest house. **Jewelle Wooten Bickford** was sorry to miss Reunion but hopes to make the next one. She and husband Nat are spending the next 18 months trying to support our democracy, becoming actively involved in Unite America (non partisan) and Swing Left. **Emily Attwell Crosswell** stays in touch with **Betty McCroskey White** and **Dr. Lucy Caudill Kormeier**. Emily, at 82, has just found a new sport: pickleball. "So lucky to still be playing." I should say. She's hoping to celebrate her 61st wedding anniversary on an anniversary cruise. Emily feels blessed to have had the R-MWC experience, "teachers and memories that only a girls school can create." **Pat Foster Haynsworth** and her husband are enjoying living in a beautiful retirement community in Williamsburg VA, with interesting people, culture, and activities—including taking painting lessons. She shares the sad news that our classmate **Libby McMann Southmayd**, her husband, and children have died of cancer due to the toxic water at Camp LeJeune from the 50s through the 80s. **Carol Stone White** writes that she and her husband attended their first granddaughter's wedding in Nova Scotia in a lovely outdoor setting. She's downsizing, sharing her mother's 18th century antique collection with her son Jeff and his wife who have opened a B&B in Mexico, with the remainder going to Nova Scotia. She's completing her 8th book, to be called *Natural Intelligence* (compared to Artificial Intelligence.) Carol is also continuing as secretary of the Utica-Rome (NY) League of Women Voters. **Betty Allen Davis** is now living at The Chesapeake, a retirement community in Newport News. For me, Asheville has provided wonderful opportunities to connect and reconnect with alumnae. One of the joys of attending Reunion was meeting, and subsequently getting to know, Norma Halmagyi Hanson '58, who lives nearby. I've enjoyed seeing **Carter Heyward '65** and **Lamar Jernigan Noriega '65**, as well as **Martha Ann Sewell Daily '62** and **Sue Diuguid Neff '61**, both of whom live here at Deerfield. And following Reunion, I made a trip to Williamsburg where I was delighted finally to meet **Pat Harriss**

Holden '67. Several of our classmates who wrote in expressed their gratitude to Bettie Jones Corey for keeping us connected during her years as Class Secretary. I know all of us give a big thank you to Bettie, and I hope to keep the good connections going. Let me know your news!

REUNION MAY 16-19, 2024 **1964**

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I want to emphasize that our 60th Anniversary Class Reunion is May 16-19, 2024. I encourage you to attend, especially if you've never attended Reunion before. You will be amazed that you recognize most and that you feel transported back to college days. You'll also be astounded by how many renewed contacts made at Reunion become lasting best friends. **Louise Fitzpatrick Turner**, who lives in Blacksburg and always tries to attend Reunion writes, "anyone can visit me here especially if on their way to Reunion!" Sometimes there are afterglow mini-reunions at a spot nearby. There will be plenty of reminders from the College and from your classmates. Start planning for this most special time on campus. Many friendships reforged at Reunion have resulted in finding simpatico travel companions. After all, we studied the classics together and we know a lot about the world. **Nancy Burch Wilkinson** told a few classmates that she planned a long summertime visit with her son and family in England. When she mentioned that she could stay over in London if anyone wanted to meet her there, she had 3 takers! **Jane Meredith Wolf '61**, **Harriette Moskowitz Will** and **Susan Walton Carroll** shared a VRBO in Northeast London in July with Nancy and focused on museum and theatre excursions, a revisit to the Elgin Marbles in the British Museum, a full morning at *After Impressionism* at the National Gallery, and a day at the Wallace Museum. Susan wrote "a highlight was seeing the Bellows' *Men of the Docks*, which hung in the library when we were in school. Our classical scholar Harriette and our art historian Nancy provided private tours for us." Theatre highlights included *Tina* and *The Play that Went Wrong*, the funniest play any of us had ever seen. Such fun to spend a week together doing what we all love!" **Marilyn Hunter's** daughter organized a birthday Zoom for her 80th that pulled in more than 50 family, friends and work colleagues. They joined from all over the US, Korea, Europe and Mexico. Along with fun and appreciative stories about Marilyn's many contributions, musician friends from Mexico serenaded her with "HBD" in Spanish. Marilyn also said how much she likes reading our positive stories as well as the whole *Vita* Magazine. "I'm

finding that my connection with women friends is deepening in importance, not just by helping each of us deal with losses at the end of life – energy, health, accustomed spaces – but in the struggle as our adult children and grands take over the world and its challenges. I treasure my 'coven of crones' and women's wisdom." Marilyn lives in Annapolis and gets to see **Julie Block Milstien** when she visits her daughter there. Julie, who has lived in France for many years and guided her college friends on lots of European travels, has rented an apartment in Baltimore and is moving there in Sept. **Agnes Fitts Marshall** traveled with a group on "thought-provoking Civil Rights pilgrimage" last Apr. They visited several sites in Atlanta, including the crypt of Dr. and Mrs. King and the Tuskegee Airmen National Historic Site en route to Montgomery and Selma. Agnes referred to The Legacy Museum: from Enslavement to Mass Incarceration, the National Memorial and Museum for Peace and Justice, and the Edmund Pettus Bridge as "sacred spaces for truth-telling." **Sallie Crosby Smith** is no stranger to fighting for just causes and cancer. She was recently awarded *Mobile Bay Magazine's* Watershed Award as a founder of Coal Ash Action Group, a group focusing attention on a major toxic waste site on the headwaters of Mobile Bay. Magazine noted, "Sallie Smith wants to protect the Bay for her young grandson, who once wrote in a poem 'I'm from the crabs and fish, the sunset and waves.'" Quoting **Nicky Nicholson Frey**, "It is never lemons for Sallie, it is always lemonade! With her first cancer diagnosis a few years ago came a renewed commitment to work in the community. Her aim was to bring joy to herself and those around her. Most projects involved multiculturalism; her latest, clean water. On the heels of another very dire diagnosis! It was how she squeezed the lemons this time – where the pursuit of joy took her." In Sallie's words, "I am engaged in this campaign so future generations will be able to write their own odes to this beautiful place we call home." See you at Reunion and maybe sooner! **Bonnie Johnson Fritz** adds, "After years of teaching English in urban, rural, and private schools, Bill and I both served on the faculty of Georgia State University for 20 years and 15 years in NYC, where Bill served as president at the College of Staten Island and I enjoyed board memberships on The Greenbelt Conservancy as president, Independent Charter Schools, and the CSI chapter of Hillel. Now we are retired to our GA cattle farm where we practice Silviculture – raising heritage cattle and pine trees in a sort of symbiosis. We also enjoy a son and daughter and 4 grandchildren. I am still mourning the loss of longtime friend **Emma Jane Neelley Saxe** and wonder if any of my '64 classmates are planning to attend the Reunion.



1965: Patsy Sherrod High and Lula Cowling Carpenter in Gdańsk, Poland

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Lula Cowling Carpenter of Springfield VA and her R-MWC roommate, **Patsy Sherrod High**, just returned from a Scandinavian cruise on the Baltic to Copenhagen, Stockholm, Berlin and Gdańsk, Poland along with several Baltic islands followed by a few days in Iceland. **Rebecca Wall** of Richmond writes that she had a lovely dinner with **Lanier Sykes Bogen** and husband Eugene at the Jefferson Hotel in Richmond to celebrate Lanier's 80th birthday. **Linda Rhodes Omohundro** of Columbus, Ohio writes "she made it through the first year of her husband's passing." Husband Dick died on 07/22/22. They were married for 48 years. Dick graduated from Ohio State University and served in the Korean War. He was a CPA and a longtime member of The Crossing Community Church. For anyone going through grief, Linda highly recommends Grief Share. Linda recently attended a Texas Jack Association Roundup in Chicago. Her husband was related to Jack Omohundo, who was Buffalo Bill's BFF. **Keith Rogers Alford** of Port Gibson, MS asked **Ann Trousdale '63** to join the Camp Monterey staff to teach pottery to girls ages 7-17. Lanier Sykes Bogen of Keswick, VA reports her recent MRI showed no cancer. Lanier has resumed her oil painting. Her grandson Conwell Morris attends UVA as a freshman and her granddaughter Holland Morris graduated from Ole Miss in May and is a 2nd Lt. in the Marine Corps. Holland's father is also a Marine. **Muriel Jones** of Seattle took a trip to see family in VA and to see **Mary Kesler** in Sanford NC. **Margaret Phillips** of University City MO was sweetly nursed for bruised ribs and tendonitis by her 11 year old granddaughter. Margaret plans to visit her other 2 grandchildren, who live in France. **Dorothy Scott Davis Fielder** took several Rhode Scholar trips to Glacier National Park in MT, Waterton Park in Canada, the 5 Great Lakes and Baja CA where she saw the Great Gray Whale migration. She reported that a mother and baby stayed near the tourist boats for 1 1/2



Betsy Hay '65 on Moorea Island, French Polynesia

hours. The mother whale pushed her baby toward the boat. Scott was thrilled to pet the baby whale. **Susan Kellermann** of NY visited Florence and her niece in Tuscany. Susan thinks her niece's house in Val D'Orcia is one of the most beautiful parts of Italy. **Liz Harris Pritchard** of Chicago looks forward to our 60th Reunion in 2025. **Frances Jones Giles** of Lynchburg writes that her grandson is a freshman at William and Mary College and her granddaughter is a junior at the University of South Carolina. Frances stays busy as a board member of the Opera on the James and board member of Amazement Square, a children's museum. **Seddon Johnson** of Warren VT plans to sell her house on 9 acres and move to a retirement center in Vermont. **Buie Harwood** of Richmond recalls her career. She writes, "After I left R-MWC, I moved to Chicago with my parents and studied interior design for 2 years at Ray Vogue School. It was a great experience as Chicago had so many experiences related to interior design and architecture. Later I worked in interior design in Miami and New Orleans for 6 years. Then I went to graduate school at Louisiana Tech University to study interior design." Buie taught at the University of Texas in Austin and in 1985 moved to Richmond to teach Interior Design at VCU where she was selected Educator of Distinction in 2003. In 2004 she retired as the Department Chair. Buie was an officer in many interior design organizations. She traveled to 31 countries where she learned more information about countries and historic houses that she used in her class lectures. Buie wrote several design related books and articles. Her interest in genealogy helped her discover ancestors, who lived in VA, TN, MS and LA. **Emily Alford Carlisle** of McComb MS and husband Duke enjoy their new one level house. They both like having brothers who live nearby. Their grandson Zach attends Texas State University. **Kathie Ballon Cheatham** of Raleigh NC celebrated her 80th birthday in Sept. **Margaret Tiley Holt** of Naples FL had a visit in the spring from **Calley Eaton Jones** and Rebecca Wall. **Betsy Hay** of Nashville went snorkeling for her 80th birthday at Moorea Island, French Polynesia. She writes that she "glided along with sharks,



1965: Linda Hackney Alexander and Marilyn Lindgren dressed up for a disco on a Danube River Cruise

manta rays while viewing coral reefs harboring many stunningly colorful fish." Her next trips were to Newfoundland and Labrador. **Marilyn Lindgren** of Lakeway TX and **Linda Hackney Alexander** of Houston took a 7 day cruise on the Danube River.

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Here they are, the latest class notes from those courageous enough to participate. There may be some stuff I made up here for those too chicken to bare all. **Ellen Temple Brown** writes: With very mixed feelings, we are selling our 3-level home of 30 years and moving to a 1-level rental in our same neighborhood. We have too many friends and family who have waited too long to take this step and we decided we'd rather do it while we are able to make all the decisions ourselves, and there are many! The saving grace is a 14'x30' south-facing terrace, which I plan to turn into a garden oasis. **Betsy Jacoway Watson** is thrilled to share that she will welcome her first grandbaby in Oct! **Pat Flinn** says: "My doings: I am on the board of 3 non-profits and 2 town commissions, landscaping projects in my yard, and contending with cataract surgery. I am amazed that white paper isn't yellow anymore! Am also looking at moving to a life care facility. Will be 80 in 4 months, the allure of getting up on a ladder to clean out gutters is fast waning!" **Margaret Dietz Henderson** writes: I am just back from 2 weeks in Israel to attend the wedding of my sister's granddaughter in Jerusalem - most festive! My sister has lived in Israel for 55+ years and has wonderful family there who are all most welcoming to me. But, must admit, it takes a bit longer to recover from these long flights - business class helps! I am very happy to be back in the mountains of the Shenandoah Valley and welcome any visitors!" From **Rogers Roseberry Bardé**: "I went to Boston and ME to visit **Helen Brooks Regan** and **Melinda Nichols Tucker Donovan** in May. We had a grand reunion-Helen

is learning to sail! I just like to eat fish. I went to El Paso in June to visit my son and his family. His son is 3 and is always busy. He calls himself Gilliame, because he can't say William. I'm spending lots of money having my mother's house rescued. My friend Larry and I are going to Spain in Sept. and Mexico in Oct. In Mexico I am going to a wedding (my son's step daughter) and am taking my granddaughters who are really looking forward to the festivities, they are 17. I had cataract surgery about 2 years ago, and can see without my glasses far away, but need reading glasses to answer my phone. Otherwise, I'm in pretty good shape health-wise, I go to the Y every day. I am very lucky."

Louise Dickson Cravens writes her husband Jere is enjoying cooking using *NYT Cooking* (Sam Sifton) supplement for menu choices, as our children and grands come next weekend for his birthday. Our youngest Sarah arrives from Lexington VA where she is a visiting professor at W&L Law. Looking forward to visiting her there in the autumn."

May Lawson Mamiya: Margaret, your "threatening" call for responses prompted a hearty laugh. A quick update: "Aloha from HI where I am now living with my daughter and family. My current "job" is full-time grandmother (Keahi, 11 and Malie, 6). My son and family live in Switzerland and we just had a grand holiday in Geneva and Spain with them. (My husband Larry- who was born in Honolulu - died here in 2019, "happy to be home.") I still treasure (and am sustained by) friends made at R-MWC."

Judy Clements has a new career. Harkening back to previous days, she has opened a yak shop, selling yaks from Nepal complete with carefully knitted garments. She raises them herself and milks them for the delicious yak butter they produce, which gourmets like to put on her homemade sourdough rolls. She did it all with a go fund me page. Surplus funds from this go to the Inman Park restoration committee. Wish her luck!

Terry Folbre McDonald: Terry's recent road trip to New England included a stop in Rhinebeck NY to visit **Mary Claire Dothard Olivere**, a stop at the Basketball Hall of Fame in Springfield with an Arlington grandson who flew up to meet her, various tours of Amherst and Boston campuses and a couple of days at **Lelia Perkins Richardson** and Jim's home in Wellesley Hills. **Sally Walker Lynch** and **Sally Stukenbroeker Pellegrom** joined them for Thai takeout and lots of laughs. She also got in a visit with her sister, an emeritus economics professor at the University of Massachusetts. Because **Margaret Northam** is now taking care of her husband (with a lot of help from caregivers) she now has an MD, Doctor of Pharmacy, and Masters in Social Work from Google University. The VA has helped a bit with the caregiving expense. We are fortunate that Martinsburg is a pretty good VA hospital. The VA



(Left to right) Fran Solley Hawk '67, Tammie Smith Lesesne '68, Terry Milligan Aufranc '67 in Hay-on-Wye, Wales in Aug. 2022



Carolyn Imrie Fisher '67 (front left) at Stories from Suffrage City themed Novel Night 2022

is best at providing "stuff." They provided a ramp and a chair elevator so he could get to the street. But unfortunately they had to hire their own guy to put in the handicapped sill that enables him to go out the front door and onto the ramp.

Barbara Roles McKinnon wrote a biography about her mother which was published on Apr. 1. It is entitled *She Found Her Voice* and is on the Amazon and Barnes and Noble websites (hardback, paperback and Kindle). It has gotten some traction: there were over 100 people at the book launch, she has been on a podcast, and was interviewed on the radio.

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Susan "Sooty" Severn Schearer had a bad bout of cardiopulmonary problems in Apr. but has lost 25 lbs in the past 14 months and feels much better. No more long trips, but an occasional night or 2 at one of several local inns with great restaurants makes up for it! **Libby Hooper Stauffer** and husband George visited **Martha White Paas** and husband Roger in Shepton Mallet, England in May. Libby said she didn't know when Martha prepared meals, but they were always well fed and had a terrific visit. Martha and Roger will be moving back to MN in Aug. '24 so she encourages classmates to come visit before then. **Julia Dorsey Reed Loomis** took a balance class over the summer - she was very impressed that they learned how to fall safely - we're at that age! She continues to fill in for Episcopal rectors and conduct funerals/memorial services. **Nellie Pat Clements Landrum** had a lovely and lively visit with **French Boyd**



1967: (Left to right) Bunny Boyd Bowen and Pat Harriss Holden in NM



1967: (Left to right) Nellie Pat Clements Landrum and French Boyd McConnaughey in VT

McConnaughey in VT. French reports that she and husband Bob are "experiencing a new chapter of co-operation. I can be the movement person when his Parkinson's makes things challenging and he is the mental/memory that Alzheimer's is taking from me". Her classmates are inspired by French's grace and humor as we all chart our "new normal." **Pat Harriss Holden** and husband Rich visited **Bunny Boyd Bowen** and husband Leland at Bunny's home in Placitas NM in June before heading to their flyfishing adventures in NM and CO. Pat is working on her book about reasons for visiting the sick when you don't want to. Her title is *Hello is Good Enough* and she has the first and last chapters finished! The monthly zoom "House Party" that Pat orchestrated to support **Sissi Lofton** during her health challenges is still going strong after about 3 years! Contact her or me (your class secretary) if you want to join us. **Nancy Gardner Carter** has been in Charlotte NC for the past 40+ years and has been on the city council and in another elected office working to make a difference in her community, something she is passionate about. In Oct. '22 **Carolyn Imrie Fisher** hosted a book themed dinner (*Stories from Suffrage City* - about the famous Suffrage March in NYC in which her great grandmother had a significant role) as part of a fundraiser called Novel Night to raise money for her library branch. She hosted another one in Sept. '23 using Agatha Christie's book *The Body in the Library*. It's a method adapted from what Pelham NY's library has done successfully for 20+ years. Some of the others were *Alice in Wonderland*, *The Great Gatsby*, *Arabian Nights*, and *Around the World in 80 Days*. **Adele Howell Shepherd** enjoyed a trip to Germany in spring



(Seated, left to right) Carolyn Burgess Featheringill '69, Zanaida Griffin '73, Julianne Low Venable '72, Betty Wallenborn Green '70. (Standing, left to right) Isabeth Scripture Gannon '71, Becky Morrison Dunn '70, Anna Simons Gainer '72, Evelyn Coley Puckett '70, and Grace Bushnell Whatley '71

'23 with a side trip to visit **Nancy Hobbs** in London. They were even able to join our zoom gathering that month. Summer '23 found her vacationing in western Canada. **Liz Colton's** Aug. 6 op-ed in the Asheville *Citizen Times* and Yahoo News/Opinion is titled "Preparing for 250th, let's celebrate basic bonds of shared citizenship" and is worth reading as a reminder that we share so much in our country.

1968

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Our class had a great turnout for our 55th in June '23 and got together for a Zoom reunion the previous Mar. We were joined by **Ellen-Joy van den Brandhof Groosman** who was in our class only one year but has stayed in touch. Ellen-Joy lives in the Netherlands and is active in politics and the women's movement. She and her husband sail their 35 ft yacht all over European waters. **Judy Turner Fisher** is active politically, plays tennis 3 days a week, and has just gained approval on an affordable housing project she's been working on for years. We missed **Ondre Huston** at Reunion as she recovers from spinal surgery, with the help of a daughter and grands who live nearby. **Rebecca Crosson**, who volunteers with Meals on Wheels, serves as Ondre's back-up in keeping us connected. **Wendy Johnson Rodde** is adjusting to life as a caregiver as her husband deals with Parkinson's and vision problems. **Page Shields** also lives in a "new normal" as her husband moved to a skilled care facility in 2023. **Sally Spangler Miley** has downsized to a condo, still in WI, and has retired "for real" but still enjoys the book club she's been in for 52 years! **Tammie Smith Lesesne** is in Charlotte and worked as a psychotherapist and career counselor but in retirement helps people as a life coach. She suffered a stroke in 2022 but has nearly recovered. **Judi Miller Frame** retired to Western NC and hopes to age in place, but probably nearer to a daughter in Atlanta. **Suzie Stump Crage**



1969: Minor Mickel Shaw and Jolley Bruce Christman at Giza

was glad to be at Reunion, having moved back to Lynchburg after being widowed in 2016. **Lucy Lloyd Murphy** still lives in her hometown of Decatur IL and is an avid reader, participating in a virtual book club with professors in Cambridge, UK. **Betty Booker "BB" Smith Fultz** moved to Raleigh and is still painting. BB does a watercolor of each grandchild doing whatever activity they choose. **Nancy Graves**, living in FL and widowed for 10 years, has revived her Barbershop Harmony Chorus group following the pandemic. **Gina Grimes Schwab**, retired as an educator and principal, works with teachers being certified for teaching students with dyslexia. **Martha Lentz** left the College and got a journalism degree from Wake Forest and worked as a medical practice management consultant. She now works with people to create an "ethical will" to pass on values and is training for a "Century Ride" on her bicycle. **Audrey Bohnengel Lee**, recently widowed, lives near Charlottesville and was recently visited by **Barbara McCartney Kirkland**, who was introduced to her sweet llamas. **Fleet Hill** and husband Walter Popper renovated their home in MA during Covid so that they could age in place. The family recently took a family heritage tour to Austria, from which Walter's family was displaced during WW2. **Ellen Chenoweth** still lives in NY with trips back and forth to IA, and continues her work in casting. She started that career by working in Lee Strasburg's office at Actor's Studio and worked her way into casting by being "at the right place at the right time." **Anne Wentworth Brill**, a retired teacher, says R-MWC was one of the best things in her life, crediting her first job and first date with her husband to the College. **Lynn Hodge** and partner Barbara are avid Atlanta Braves fans. 2 of Lynn's nephews are long snappers for the Buffalo Bills and Miami Dolphins. **Kathy Harris Quale** has been bitten by the bridge bug, plays Duplicate and has Master Points. She's been playing with the same group twice a month for 26 years. **Kitty Lavin Linder** lives in the Carroll Gardens section of Brooklyn, with all her family nearby, and serves on the Board of Big Brothers/Big Sisters of NYC. Her family enjoys time on Block Island each summer. **Dixie Nash Sakolosky**, who lost husband Jim in 2021, enjoys the pollinator garden he planted.



Sarah Beckham Howard '69 and husband Dave at wedding of son Eddie and wife Clare in Tuscany

The butterflies remind her grandchildren of him. She has a neighborhood pickleball group and visits with **Eva Schwarz Gill**. **Helena Makarowsky Tuman** volunteers with the Desert Botanical Garden in Phoenix, where she lives in winter, moving to Durango CO, in summer. **Liz Rust Masterson**, who is an active Episcopal priest as her second career, is also partnered with a priest at the Cathedral in Baltimore. **Susan Henson Baker**, still involved with politics, has a son in Doha, Qatar, in the Foreign Service who is married to an Italian, so she travels a lot. **Lindsey Massie Huddle** hopes to be retired from her collaborative law practice by the end of 2023. She shared her struggles with ovarian cancer with us at Reunion. **Tooky Faulkner Frolik** worked for the Federal Reserve for 16 years, lives in Atlanta and is part of the Randolph Book Club there.

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Sara Steptoe Turchi's son lives in CT and works in NYC; daughter Lisa, a singer and vocal performance instructor at Carlisle College, lives in Shippensburg PA. Husband Pierre continues his remission from Multiple Myeloma. His doctor is in Baltimore, where they occasionally see **Dr. Carla Alexander '68**. Sara and Pierre host international students from Wilson College. **Cathy Graves Oechsler** passed away in Berlin on 01/02/23, dying from complications from Alzheimer's. A close friend of **Kathie Edwards**, she sang at her wedding, and they visited back and forth across the pond for many years. **Lee Thomson** writes her 2 youngest sisters are "doing an intervention" after deciding Lee should move to Lyme CT, closer to them. They make weekly visits to Lee to sort through her collection of "stuff," including unfinished quilting projects. **Alison Igo Ash** shared that her son Andrew and family live in Seattle where he is a software engineer with Google; wife Lindsay is a patient educator at Seattle Children's Hosp. Son Garrett and wife Irene work at Yale-New Haven Hospital. He does research on wearable devices for use with chronic illness; she is a physician. Stepson Michael teaches economics at UMass; his wife is

a professor of anthropology. Their 2 sons attend Sarah Lawrence and Brown University. Alison and Marshall live in Amherst but frequent NY where they have an apt. They rented a home in Stockbridge MA last summer. **Melissa Lewis Bernstein** spent 10 days in France last summer, enjoying 2 visits from **Kathy Boschenstein '80** and a week in Normandy. Daughter Lauren and husband, son Spencer, 1 and dog moved in with Melissa and David for 3 weeks, awaiting completion of their new apartment. Melissa is busy as Junior Warden of the Episcopal Church of the Heavenly Rest. **Elizabeth Keesee Henry** and Matt took a Covid-postponed trip with granddaughter Sarah, 16 to France, introducing her to its art and history and enabling her to use her high school French. She is now a dedicated Francophile. **Lucy Lacoste's** husband Tony Munroe died in June. Suffering with Parkinson's for many years, he was Lucy's "rock." Lucy was by his side as he endured 6 mos in hospice following cardiac arrest last Nov. Lucy's strength derived from her wish to honor him with a "good death," seeing herself as "the doula of death." **Katherine Kerr Memory** relates she had a great summer including lots of family time (grandchildren are 20, 16, 9, 7, 6, and 4) with a week in Duck NC. She spent a week at Chautauqua with friends in Aug. Katherine stays in touch with **Carol Hall Gosse**, **JoAnn Evans Miller** and **Elizabeth Bond Minor**. **Chris de Vries Carlsten** studied Spanish in preparation for a trip aboard a ship to Spain with Jon. Jon became sick with Covid 3 days before their arrival in Barcelona so he missed both Barcelona and Madrid. Fortunately for Chris, 2 of her high school friends joined them and she had friends with whom to sightsee. A positive for Jon's isolation: he started painting after a 4 yr hiatus. For almost 30 yrs, **Carolyn Burgess Featheringill** has hosted a group of college friends from the Birmingham area for lunch during the summer. It's known as "LDL" (Let's Do Lunch)." **Becky Morrison Dunn '70** and Carolyn were happy to report on the outstanding presidential inauguration. **Alison Taylor** has a new and first granddaughter; Sawyer, born last July. Alison's daughter is assistant professor of art history at Agnes Scott. She keeps up with Chris deVries Carlsten, **Maggie Ferris Harney**, **Carol Williams Hatfield**, and **Melinda Agee** in Atlanta, as well as **Kathy Knight Carter**, and **Zanne Clark**. Alison lives in Decatur GA where 3 out of her 4 children live. She's "happy, happy, happy." **Linda Babcock Sorber** was on a river cruise last summer that began in Pittsburgh, traveling down the Ohio River and up the Mississippi to St. Louis. She raves about the scenery and food, citing Churchill Downs and the National Quilt Museum as highlights. **Sally Johnson Townley** was in New Orleans

for her godson's wedding last Mar. In Apr, she met grandbaby number 8 in Orlando. Later that month she flew to Scotland with a group from her church. In June she joined her extended family for the annual trip to Colorado. Whew! **Jolley Bruce Christman** and **Minor Mickel Shaw** united for a fabulous trip to Jordan and Egypt. **Jinny Voris Batterson** and Jim moved to San Diego to be near son Jason and family. They've been blessed with a new daughter-in-law Morgan and a 3rd grandchild born to Morgan and Scott May 2022. Jinny has self-published a book of essays derived and reworked from her blog. Her book disparages our tendency to look for someone to blame for the current fractures in American society. **Sarah Beckham Howard's** highlight this year was a trip to Italy with Dave to celebrate Eddie and Clare's marriage. The initial wedding plans were curtailed by COVID, and their actual marriage was at City Hall, NYC. But they always wanted to celebrate their union in a more stylish fashion. The 4 parents and Clare's brother convened at a villa outside Cortona in Tuscany for a weekend of festivities, including a traditional Chinese tea ceremony that was moving and powerful. Following the wedding, Sarah and Dave enjoyed exploring Tuscany and Rome. "We walked and walked—steep inclines and cobblestones included" – a testament to her healed body! "I hope to see each of you at our 55th!" **Shirley Merchant Johnson's** husband of 52 yrs, Jim, passed away 1/27/23. Jim was a biotech patent attorney, practicing in Atlanta. He and Shirley were living in Highlands NC at the time of his death.

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Cheryl Abernathy delayed her Seine River boat cruise until May of 2024 because of a knee replacement. However, she and her new knee are taking trips to MN and the Grand Marias, then to VA and the Outer Banks of NC. She is planning to see **Linda Bradshaw Gagnani** and **Faith Davidson Sartoris** for dinner in Richmond. **Tally Jennings Brown** was off to a family wedding in WY where she would be joined by the whole Brown clan, including **Chula Brown Marsh**. Tally recently reconnected with **Liz Pendleton Geffert** and **Cathy Tucker Slaterback** thanks to the 50th Reunion booklet. Liz keeps up with **Candy Alt Crowley** and Cathy keeps up with **Emily Northam** and **Ann Carter**. Cathy also shared the sad news that her husband, Bob, passed away last Nov. **Penny Turpin Clarke** broke her ankle in Feb. and her wrist in Mar. which kept her from reuniting in June

with **Nancye Allen Herring**, **Betsy Sale**, and **Barbara Bishop Gordon**. When not residing in hospitals and rehab facilities, Penny enjoys spending time with her 4 grandsons, gardening, and volunteering for the Avenel Foundation in Bedford VA. **Susan Jones Dobson** and her husband, Jim, had a great visit with **Elizabeth Ziegler Macgregor** and her husband, Bruce, in Apr. on Spring Island near Okatie SC. Susan and Elizabeth had not seen each other in 52 years and had a wonderful time catching up on absolutely everything. **Quay Dortch** retired from her job as a Program Manager at NOAA near the beginning of the pandemic. She managed 2 programs that provide funding for research on harmful algal blooms. Also at the beginning of the pandemic, Quay and her partner of 37 years moved into Takoma Village Cohousing. They traveled to Baja in June and were looking forward to a trip to the Netherlands in Sept. **Jan Butler Garrett** writes that her husband Rand biked from VA to CA in 2022 and Jan played Sherpa. Jan said hotels and meals ranged from the sublime to the ridiculous and they both had a "wheelie" good time. Jan went to a party honoring past presidents of the Roanoke Valley Junior League. She and 4 other honorees were all graduates of R-MWC. **Lyn Weems Gates** reports from MS that her life is pretty uneventful in a very good way. **Barbara Bishop Gordon** shared that her husband, John, died unexpectedly while in the hospital with pneumonia. **Carol Haley** is enjoying watching NYC come back to life post-pandemic despite dealing with the flood waters from a broken pipe several floors above her apartment. Carol keeps in touch with **Cathy Cuneo Turpin** and **Lorena Kern '72** and keeps busy writing, reading, taking classes, and spending time with friends. **Nancy Robertson Healy** is now a published author. *Worms and Wacky Cake: Adventures at Claytor Lake Summer, 1962* is available in paperback and e-book from www.Lulu.com/shop. **Sarah Collier Heatwole** reports that she and Mark have moved to a condo on Amelia Island in FL. In between visits with their daughters, they have visited Turkey and Greece and are planning a trip to Portugal and Spain. At a Dumbarton House Board meeting, Sarah was thrilled to run into **Dana Daniels Nixon** and was then welcomed to the DH Board by **Janie Hutton Grantham '65**. **Gayle Robertson Hightower** retired after 36 years as a Latin teacher and her husband, Larry, retired from UConn. They moved to Old Town Alexandria to be near daughter and family. They are adjusting to the heat and glad to be near **Cullen Phillips Nutter** and **Judy Turner Fischer '68**. **Jennie McClellan Hyman** and Tom corralled both children and all grandchildren for a family trip to Wild Dunes on the SC coast. Jennie got to see a lot of **Frank Hull** in June as they co-hosted a

wedding party for good friends. **Meg Boykin Kimmel** spent 25 years at her other alma mater, Davidson, in fundraising and communications before leaving to lead communications at Bates College in ME. She returned to Davidson in 2015 and has kept busy freelancing and volunteering. She and Don celebrated 40th anniversary in June and are looking forward to a family vacation in Sunset Beach in Aug. Meg keeps in close contact with **Nancy Gamba Hansen** and **Martha Lankford '68**. **Suzanne Lasher** spent her first winter in her new condo in Venice FL and is currently enjoying the summer on Cape Cod. She keeps busy bike riding and teaching bridge. Suzanne would love to see alums on the Cape or in FL. **Susan Brady Maes** writes that she settled in Philly and is now a happily retired data processing consultant. Her first marriage ended in divorce and she was widowed the second time. She lives in West Chester PA, and has 2 children who live reasonably close. She feels she has lost touch with R-MWC and would love to reconnect. **Marcia Hale Russell** sent me a copy of a press clipping from the first year at Reading and I will forward a copy to all of you (for whom I have email addresses) before you read this in the bulletin. **Susan Webb Russell** and husband Walter recently sold their lakehouse home of 32 years and relocated 4 miles away to a condo that has everything they need on the first floor. She is now a bionic woman due to her joint replacements and follow-up corrective surgeries. Post-surgical complications left her in so much pain that she now needs a walker. As she says, osteo- and rheumatoid arthritis is not for sissies. She enjoys time with 4 grandchildren. **Kathy Bowden Shields** loves spending summers away from TX in their second home in Santa Cruz, which she thinks may be the only place not experiencing extreme weather. Husband Greg had a stroke in Feb. Dealing with that has been a sobering struggle, but they are so thankful he has recovered rapidly. Kathy and Greg continue their musical activities of classical violin, fiddle and singing. **Jane Turley St. Clair** loved seeing everybody "virtually" at Reunion. Jane hoped to continue clinical work during "retirement". She has been performing flight physicals for the FAA, reviewing medical files part-time. She leads her chapter of the DAR and plans meetings, field trips, and interesting projects. She and Jim manage to squeeze in some travel and feel very blessed to be very active and in good health. **Ann Hayne Walker** had a wonderful catch-up visit at the Greenbrier with **Sara Fogarty Hayes**. Ann's oldest granddaughter graduated from Garden City High School and she and her mother and Ann were headed to Ireland for 2 weeks in July. **Susan Peterson Young** and Curt retired and after Covid let up, went to Cape Cod over the 4th of July.

Daughter Cindy is an infectious disease doctor in Lexington, Kentucky. Son Jim lives in Chicago with 8-year-old son, Charles. **Gloria Griffin Godwin** wrote to the college to let them know that her dear friend, **Jane Sonne Haddon**, had died 6/6/2023. Jane was originally in our class but graduated in 1971. Gloria keeps in contact with **Mary Carr Luckner '71**, **Beth Goldston Barnwell '71**, and **Beverly Poppell '71**. Your secretary had a 4 hour lunch with **Shipley Dunn Jenkins** several months ago and it is definitely time for a repeat. About 50 years ago, I got a new job and a wonderful new friend because I was wearing my R-MWC ring in a banking class in Boston. **Melinda Nichols Donovan '66** and I are now old friends and she and I spent hours on the phone a few months ago. Your secretary is in the process of trying to contact members of our class for whom I have no email address. I heard from sister Peggy, that **Katherine McElroy Vincent** had died on 6/19/2022. I will continue the process of trying to contact "email address-lacking" classmates.

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Dee Wooten Beggarly is very busy in retirement. She finished renovating her condo, opened a new restaurant in ME and published a book in memory of her daughter, Lori. In 2022, husband Van and Dee purchased a restaurant in Appleton ME. Their son, Brian, is Chef and General Manager of Foda Restaurant with a farm-to-table menu. It is the best and only restaurant in Appleton. Check out their website fodameansfood.org and if you are traveling to ME come by for a delicious meal. Following the death of their precious daughter, Lori, Dee published a book, *A Memoir of Love's Endurance*, in Feb. 2023. Dee is humbled by the positive response to the book's message of walking the path of loss and grief. Please contact Dee at deebeggarly@comcast.net to purchase a copy. **Patti McClung** gifted one of her works of art that was included in the book. Patti's art is exceptional on many levels and speaks to viewers reflecting on life, loss and grief. Patti McClung and husband have been Boise ID residents for 3 years. They moved back into their house after remodeling it for 2 years. They enjoy being only 5 minutes from daughter Courtney's family. Son Scott added a baby boy this year and they take frequent trips to LA for visits. Patti is happily enrolled as an undergraduate art studio major at Boise State University. R-MWC alumnae never stop learning. **Stacy DeLano** is another classmate who is always learning and ready for adventure. She sees R-MWC friends in Lisbon regularly and many stay in her guest room.

She returned from an incredible 2 week trip to the Amazon. Stacy rated this journey as one of the top 2 trips of her life. She hiked the rainforest, rode water buffalo, ate local river fish and discovered the amazing Amazon. Brazil is a beautiful, but dangerous country with many people living in poverty. Stacy took a relaxing vacation to northern Portugal to escape the influx of 2 million people visiting Lisbon to see Pope Francis and World Youth Week. Stacy keeps up with classmates, **Mickey Chehames Lutz**, **Jocey Ash Stickney** and **Betsy Paxton Gouvernayre**. She has maintained many friendships with old and new graduates and feels blessed to be part of a dynamic R-MWC family. Another world traveler, **Sarah Rouse Sheehan** took 3 trips to Paris MT, and Canada. She loves watercolor painting, new gouache painting technique, daily neighborhood walks and talks with **Ann Wright Dye**. 2022 was a stressful year for **Karen Russell**. She broke her right ankle in May and missed Reunion. She is on the mend with a new titanium ankle. Her father died at 100 years old on Jan 1. After being his caregiver for 10 years, she is adjusting to life and estate planning. Her new hobby is thrifting since she feels vintage. Some sad news, **Susie Witter** passed away on May 17 after fighting a courageous battle with cancer. Susie was part of our DC Union Station R-MWC lunch group. She was always positive and never complained about her treatment. We will miss her funnies and love for the College and classmates. Life is short so please update your email with the College. **Debbie Ward Heritage** and Karen Russell communicate by email and many emails are falling into the abyss. Please let us know that you are above ground and loving your life through work, retirement, hobbies, travels, family, and learning.

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Celeste Beebe Akkad lives in CA. She visited daughter Dania in England. Dania, husband, and 3 year old grandson came this past Christmas and stayed well into Feb. While Celeste and husband Ousama were in England, they bought a house up the hill from Dania. They returned to the US in Aug. Celeste heartily recommended the book on Oppenheimer. **Mollie Danforth** wrote that in June she, her children, and grandchildren took a trip to Italy. There she discovered a new food group-gelato! **Martha Delaney** and friends took a trip this past May on an old converted ferry boat to the Scottish Islands. A fun time was had by all! **Pat Washington Parrish** has been taking care of her 94 year old mother who is bedridden. She writes that she is blessed to have her. Pat recently



1972: Juliette Ezzell Grumley and Cathy Simmons Brookman in Casablanca

had another heart scare, but got a stent and she is now doing cardio rehab. She loved being at Reunion and seeing all of her classmates who came. **Laura Bullock Crumley** is always so upbeat in her messages. Her latest one is "staying cool is a full time summer occupation." She took her 12 year old granddaughter to Houston in mid-June where it was 100 every day. It was a good reminder of why she left, never to return! They spent every afternoon in the pool bobbing like corks. Fortunately, she says she is more buoyant now than ever! We know about buoyancy! In early Aug she and husband Jess visited their son and his family in MD. They stayed on a bay at North Beach where the water was freezing, but the temps were in the low 80's. **Stuart Tuggle Harkleroad** has been madly knitting sweaters. It is hard when she makes a sweater and the wearer has a growth spurt! She makes most of them as Christmas gifts for family. **Ann Sturgis Coates** wrote some very good advice for those of us who have advanced into electric cars. Finding charging stations was somewhat challenging heading south to Charlotte, but this is changing quickly. If anyone is driving north or south on US113 and needs a charge, Ann says to just text her at (410)726-0601. If your EV is not a Ford, you need to have a J1772 connector. In Ann's area of Snow Hill, MD, there are Tesla superchargers, but very few "generic" ones. On the Eastern Shore of VA there are none. Ann says EV life on the road is very interesting – a whole new social connection with mostly younger people. As always, Ann and Randy are on the cutting edge. Since **Martha Johnston** retired from the Philadelphia Law Department in June 2019, she and husband Mark had talked about moving to Davidson NC, where she grew up. Her daughter Kate, husband, and 3 daughters have lived there for several years. Early this year they sold their house in Philly where they had lived for 30 years and moved to a smaller house in Davidson only a few minutes from her grandchildren and also close to Martha's disabled sister and brother-in-law. She has deep roots there and so far, she says it is great to be "home." She misses going to Phillie games but follows them from afar! **Hilary Harris Hanslip** wrote that one the highlights of this last year for her has been staying in a circa 1840 windmill near



(Left to right) Grace Irby Robbins '74, Cathy Morse Beaman '74 and husband Chip, Carol Garrett Donohue '75 and husband Daniel Donohue, and Robin Robinson Burke '74 and husband Jeff Burke in Richmond

the coast of Norfolk with her R-MWC roommate, **Betsy Maloney Hurst** and son Matthew. Being a windmill enthusiast, she comes over to England every year to visit them. They saw 20 mills in 3 days! Hilary's architect husband, Russell and she are both still working part time. They were off for a week of interesting mixed theatre at the Edinburgh Fringe in Aug. and then went to Italy for a week with friends in Sept. Both are in good health, and enjoy seeing 2 sons who live in London and 2 grandchildren. **Lorena Kern** went to Sue Ott Rowlands' inauguration. She said it was the first time she wore academic robes since our graduation! Plus, she had the purple sash for Law! Lorena thinks President Rowlands is and will be great. Applications and admits are up this fall – so a terrific start! She is going on the RC trip to Tuscany and Umbria in Oct. Sue will be on the trip as the host! **Anne Harrington** and husband Steve are also doing the Italy trip, too. They are meeting up in Geneva. They then go to Rome for 3 days and start the tour in Florence. **Juliette Ezzell Grumley** and **Cathy Simmons Brookman** sent a picture of themselves in Casablanca. They may be behaving, but doubtful!

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Kathy Williams wrote: "Reunion was so much fun! **Meredith (Mope) Poindexter Fisher**, my roommate, and I traveled by car to R-MWC on Thur. It was like we never parted, although we were a bit calmer than we were in 1973. A big shout out to **Sally King Hall**, **Peg Dogwilla**, **Kathy Driscoll Holloway** and all the beautiful accomplished women at the Reunion. The class meeting was eye opening to me as far as the focus of the college now. After Reunion I visited one of my sons and his family in Austin TX. Appears that a lot of traveling was taking place. **Margaret Delk Moore** wrote: "Reunion was sooo much fun and the fifty years since graduation faded away as our class gathered together. I loved the nonstop conversations, laughter, meals together, and a weekend long celebration of friendships that have remained strong. We are indeed

an incredible class. As I noted in our Reunion booklet, following retirement from 20+ years in independent school leadership, I have joined The Education Group, a consulting group of retired Heads of Schools that conducts administrative/ leadership searches for Independent schools as well as offering leadership coaching. I also do independent educational consulting with schools and their Board of Trustees for strategic planning and Board training. The good news is that I still have time for other pleasures which include travel with my husband Bill, visiting our 3 children and 2 grandchildren, and exploring new places. Last fall, in celebration of my retirement, Bill and I joined a group that hiked 100 miles on the El Camino de Santiago, walking for 7 days through Portugal and Spain. It was an amazing experience that we also shared with **Margaret Blackley Lindsay**. We loved every minute and would do it again in a heartbeat."

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Joan Towles Matthews writes, "I'm in Central FL after several interesting years in Tallahassee working as a Sr. Attorney. New grandson Henry has made life even more fun!" **Cindy Thomas Turnbull** and **Suzanne Adams Smith** "found" each other in London's Trafalgar Square and had a great pub lunch! "It was quite a random thing to do, and we had a very fun afternoon. We have remained friends over the years but not been together for quite a while until last summer." **Elisebeth Bashinsky's** son Max married Hayley after 8 years of courtship. Elisebeth's daughter, Neily, has 2 girls, 11 and 10, who live in Harrisonburg, Va. **Ellis Pearce** was in NYC when the first smoke from Canadian wildfires enveloped the city. "Lucky for me, I was on a plane back to SC." In May, **Pamela Edwards Morgan** and husband James Gallagher became step-grandparents to Luca Jurf Cornish. Proud parents are James's stepson Gabriel and wife Jenn. Despite arriving early, he still weighed 6 lb. 11 oz. Pamela has been knitting little baby projects. Thanks to a rainy winter, they have enjoyed a quiet fire season, the first in 3 years. **Carole Steinheimer Brand** and husband Nick stay busy visiting grandchildren. They flew to Maine following the June birth of their second son's first baby. Lilah is their 6th grandchild and the only one on the east coast! "We're still doing



1975: (Left to right) Norb Garbisch, Lesley Morgan, and Sandra McFarland Garbisch by an Icelandic glacier

our usual traveling. It's lovely to be able to visit everyone, but we also like coming home! I'm continuing my community activism with our local public high school, synagogue, several college scholarship committees, and local Democratic party. DC is a great place to visit. Sister class members, let me know when you are in the area!"

Lesley Morgan, Sandra McFarland Garbisch '76 and husband Norb, recently completed a trip to Iceland and Greenland. A grand time was had by all. In Toronto, Lesley set off alone to the Baltic countries: Lithuania, Latvia and Estonia. After a month abroad it was nice to return home to retirement from her position as Dean for a College of Nursing. **Margaret Wells Hayslip** writes, "Now that I have turned 70, I have discovered that there really is a turning, from looking ahead on the arc of life to looking behind, at the people and places and moments that we hold dear. This May I reconnected with elementary and high school friends. I went reluctantly but discovered that all the memories were still voiced and held dear. In my teaching, I recently rediscovered several poems first encountered in Dr. Cornelius's class at R-MWC: 'Do Not Go Gentle into That Good Night', 'Fern Hill', 'Spring and Fall: To a Young Child', and 'You, Andrew Marvell'. Poems I loved then, and now. I am thankful to be healthy, able to do many things, still teaching, mentally and physically sound, blessed with friends and family—and memories of a life richly blessed, with both losses to learn from and joys to live for." **Lisa Watt Wilson** wrote, "It was during my grandmother's 50th Reunion in 1969 that I met her English professor, Roberta Cornelius, who encouraged me to come to R-MWC. Before then, I hadn't entertained the idea of going South for college, but by the close of the weekend enchantment had taken hold. So, whether I make it out from ID for our Reunion or not, I want to chip in and help with the outreach. Friends in Lynchburg say the new Randolph president is winning back interest from a lot of local alumnae. This is such good news, as the town and gown relationship can be so important." **Alice Peyton Sherwood '74** and long-term roommate, **Faye Crawford Cooper '74** get together at least once a year, taking turns hosting **Karen Craft Combs** and **Susan Fountain Hui** as well, usually around



1975: Carole Steinheimer Brand and Betsy Parrish Howard share a toast.

our home places. "See the photo of us at Susan's new bungalow in West Fork AR, where we visited Crystal Bridges and the ballet in Fayetteville. Susan's husband, Tony, is a master of wok cooking and made us a feast for our 4X70th birthday bash! Other trips have taken us to Karen's tree farm in SC, Faye's house in Staunton from which we lit out to Natural Bridge and The Greenbriar, and my retirement house in Delray Beach FL. 10 years ago I had a windfall from my Apple stock and we all went on a cruise to Greece! We've been there for each other through thick and thin and will always be thankful that our beloved R-MWC brought us together." **Lisa Clear Sutton** thanks all who shared news and encourages ideas/outreach for our 50th Reunion in 2025!

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Anne "Bruff" Roark began 2023 normally, immersed in Tax Season, until Mar. 31, '23. Then a tornado hit Little Rock taking out their windows and buckling the back wall of their office building as everyone huddled downstairs. Thankfully, no one was killed, and everyone is working remotely from home until all is repaired, hopefully by the end 2023. Anne had an emergency hysterectomy at the end of May 2 and a half weeks later she traveled to Spain with her church choir for 2 weeks to sing in cathedrals in 4 cities. **Dawn Keogh** sent notes from her bed following chemo in Seattle. Her daughter, **Charlotte Hudson '16**, and her sister, Alexandria, flew in from Denver to visit with her. She passed the final hurdle to CRS-HIPEC treatment for Stage 4 peritoneal cancer. Her plan was to have 2 more chemo treatments in Aug, a month off, Prehab (PT before surgery) then the CRS-HIPEC by her Fred Hutch team at The University of Washington Medical Center in Seattle at the end of Sept. Let's keep Dawn in our thoughts and prayers as she navigates this health



(Left to right) Karen Craft Combs '75, Faye Crawford Cooper '74, Alice Peyton Sherwood '74, and Susan Fountain Hui '75 at in Arkansas



1976: (Left to right) Ian Barr, Peggy Presto Koppel, Currie Turner Barr, Lee Joyner Gallien, Melinda Williams, John Koppel, and Buzz Gallien at Village Tavern in Greensboro

challenge. **June Bivins Baumel** and husband Jim spent 3 weeks in May exploring Cambodia and Vietnam. Favorite spots were the Cardamom Mountains and Ha Long Bay. They plan to head for ME and Istanbul later this year and see **Patricia Fleming** and husband Walter in New Orleans. **Kim Pusey Crawford** spent time caring for her mother, Joan (91 in Aug.), and celebrated the marriage of last and youngest daughter, Allison, in Manhattan at St. Francis Xavier followed by reception at The Refectory of The General Theological Seminary in Chelsea, a gorgeous venue. For **Leigh Martin Lowe**, life continues to be full and fulfilling, splitting time between Baltimore and Walpole, ME. She spends time volunteering at church in both locations painting, gardening, and keeping up with their 5 children, 5 grands, and cherished friends scattered across the country. **Lisa Stein Woodruff** traveled to AK for a 15 day land/sea cruise! She has a new hip that's doing great. She and Dave attended her 50 year high school reunion at St. Catherine's School in Richmond and then played golf in Hilton Head. **Debbie Randall Bowie** and husband, Bob, traveled to Normandy on a trip sponsored by a retired military historian of the 29th Division of the VA National Guard. They saw historic sites that others never see because Pete, their tour leader, has so many French contacts. It was a life changing trip! Debbie enjoyed trying to communicate in French (put her 5+ years of French to good use, thank you, Madame Jankowski!). **Lisa Peniston Sieg** and husband, Patrick, happily report that their daughter married in Lexington VA in June. The town has great meaning for her family with their strong ties to W&L including their daughter, a W&L Law grad. Dear friend and godmother **Jean Widmayer Krafft** helped celebrate the joyous event. Lisa is gearing up for another year of art

exhibits at Glenview Mansion Art Gallery. This will be her 8th year as the VP/Exhibitions Coordinator for the Rockville Art League in MD. **Cilla Edwards Englert** called **Pattie Hallett** to check on her after reading that a 69 y.o. woman on Hilton Head Island had been killed by an alligator. Pattie told her that it wasn't her, much to Cilla's relief! **Martha Parker** retired May 31, 2023. **Diana Mitchell Smith** has had a quiet, busy '23. Feb: Ordained as a Commissioned Ruling Elder to lead worship at presbytery churches in OK without full-time pastors. In Apr., a terrific road trip to DC for a 30th reunion of friends/colleagues from their time in Munich with Radio Free Europe/Radio Liberty. Stories, laughter and bear hugs belied the years. Baseball, family and friends topped off the trip. Since Apr., she has been chairing her HS 50th reunion set for Oct '23. **Debbie Philips Close** with **Susan Jones Randolph '76** hosted a "Meet the President" luncheon for Sue Ott in Charlottesville in May and had an excellent alumnae turnout. They are working with the alumnae/alumni office to reinvigorate the Charlottesville chapter. **Cathy Murphy** spent 5 days in DC as a patient advocate for BCAN (Bladder Cancer Advocacy Network) Think Tank '23. She was a Patient Ambassador sharing her experience of her successful bladder cancer trial over the last 2 years with doctors and medical advisors. If your email changes, please notify Debbie Bowie as well as the Alumnae Office so she can keep her mailing list up to date. Also, please send photos of any group gatherings to include with our Class Notes.

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Michele Pavlicko Switalski writes from San Diego that she is volunteering as a team member of the Helen Woodward Horse therapy program for people with disabilities, and is also volunteering at Laughing Pony Rescue - horses that have been rescued from slaughter. **Chanda Robinson** has taught human anatomy at the University of Oklahoma for 40 years and also has an accounting practice. She has always loved math and biology so she found a way to do both! **Jennifer Jacobsen Luppold** and husband Bill have retired and moved to Charleston WV. She enjoys quilting and is busy finishing many of her late mom's projects. **Claudia Cassone Stewart** retired in 2014. She still has a couple of horses and plans to add a pony to the barn for their 2 grandkids. **Patty Linger Beyer** is enjoying working part-time in her accounting business with no plans to retire. Her mom at 102, though unable to walk, is sharp mentally and lives nearby

in a small apartment. **Donna Price Tibbs** and husband EC last spring took a Mediterranean Sea cruise with a week in Italy. "It was fun to go back to some of the places I saw in our junior year travels with **Lisa Meadors Cresson** and **Kay Hudgens MacIntosh**!" EC's gardens kept her very busy in the summer making jam and freezing/canning vegetables. **Janet Bonifant Robinson** teaches 3rd grade at Fort Liberty (Fort Bragg) in Fayetteville NC. Both of her daughters now live in FL and each has 2 children. **Christie Powell** lives in Fort Worth when not traveling as an international flight attendant. Her son also lives in Texas and her daughter lives in Sweden. In 2021 **Sue Ellen Horst Petchul** retired from her job as an elementary reading specialist and now volunteers at the Maier Museum. Husband John in "retirement" is an adjunct chemistry professor at Randolph. They enjoyed a trip to Scotland as well as a Danube River cruise this year. **Martha Hamblin** runs several 5K's a month and competed at the National Senior Games in Pittsburg in 4 events. As she says, "Running is my therapy and my staycation." **Ann Kierstead Reed** now lives in Salt Lake City and loves her job as Director of Pediatric Nurse Excellence at Primary Children's Hospital. She and Harry have a new granddaughter. **Holly Babb Brown** enjoyed helping daughter Kimberly move into her apt overlooking Michigan Bay. Kimberly has begun her residency program in clinical psychology at the Children's Hospital of the Medical College of Wisconsin in Milwaukee. Holly is still volunteering at the Saco River Wildlife Center helping with the rehab of injured and orphaned critters. "It's a good part of my retirement plan!" Last spring **Bev Cox Suever** and husband David went to Palm Beach for a business awards trip with his company. They also had their kitchen remodeled which they are now enjoying. **Maralie Gaffron Exton**, husband and son still live in Nashville where she is a manager in the Diagnostic Labs at Vanderbilt Medical Center. **Sarah Turnbull Jones** and husband love living in ID. She is retired from an HR job at Micron Technology, and they have been traveling- AK in 2022, and Europe next year. She stays busy with her women's fly fishing club and the University of Idaho Master Gardener program. They love visiting their son, wife and 1 year old granddaughter in OK. Kay Hudgens MacIntosh's son John was married in CT in June. **Gussie Nelson Fauntleroy** still enjoys writing and editing. "My partner Ted Oliver and I took a month-long cross country camping trip in 2022 in our little Scamp. Went to Atlanta for a book signing for a book I wrote on sculptor Kevin Box whose art was at the Atlanta Botanical Garden; then to Charleston, SC and up the coast to NC and VA, then over to Kansas City and back home to CO, staying in state parks and visiting

friends and family of his and mine along the way." **Rosalind "Roz" Bradley** has retired and returned to Richmond, VA, after spending 10 years in Winston-Salem NC as a chaplain supervisor at Atrium Health Wake Forest Baptist. She is looking forward to traveling and spending more time with her son and wife who also live in Richmond. "While I will miss being so close to the mountains, I am returning home to family and friends and to rediscover Richmond." About 25 of our classmates returned to campus for our 45th Reunion in June and had a wonderful time! Apparently the class of '78 was the first on the dance floor Sat. night with Janet Bonifant Robinson leading the way. Check out the photos from Reunion on the Alumnae & Alumni Association Website.

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Sue Danin Dickey says life in MI is good, with children and grandkids Sarah (1yo girl) and Collin (3 boys under 5) nearby. She traveled



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Emily Gill Mills '79 with daughter and granddaughter



Leslie Vercellone Tighe '82 at son's wedding in 2022

to Europe, visiting Sicily and Tunis. Her family, reading, travel, pickleball, golf, skiing, friends and mahjong keep her life even keeled. After 50 years of cities and traveling, **Victoria Collins Greenlee** left Charlotte NC and returned home to Spearfish SD to care for her father. Children Theodora, 38 and Alexander, 35 are doing well. **Carol Mathis** and partner are loving life in Porto, Portugal. They traveled to Marrakech, Madrid, Lisbon, and Vienna. Portuguese classes are a challenge. **Janet Hansen Martinet** is part of the Loft Gallery in Occoquan VA and has volunteer positions with other arts groups. Son Michael works for GSK in Rockville MD and son Henry is an HVAC tech and is studying Japanese. **Becky Clarke Morrison** retired from her estate sale business. She and Ralph are in Atlanta, spending time on the GA coast. She and her sister take care of their mother, now 97. One son practices law in Atlanta, and the other is practicing law in Nashville. **Jenny Schmitt Lighthall** and Peter recently bought a house in Bryn Mawr PA in need of renovation! Daughter Claudia relocated to the East Coast, and daughter Liz works and lives in NY. Jenny works for a healthcare improvement company located in Charlotte. She gets together with **Laura Downey Hill** and **Carol Myers Leahy** twice a year in various locations. **Jamie Gavin Sullivan** says grandkids and volunteer work take up her time. **Julia McIntosh Mink** has retired after working 26 years for Genentech. Retirement has been busy with traveling, redecorating and the adoption of Peaches, a Cockapoo puppy. This year she has joined a Pilates club and mentors foster kids. **Sherry Lynch Conrad** and Dale enjoy the Hilton Head area. Volunteer activities and travel fill their days, as well singing in the church choir and playing



Beth Kelly with Virginia Godwin '81



Sherri Gabbert Pritchard '82 daughter's wedding in 2022

tennis. They recently visited Salzburg, Austria, St. Gallen, Switzerland and Oberammergau, Germany to see the *Passion Play*. They also traveled to Calgary, Alberta, Canada to see Banff, Lake Louise, and Jasper before taking the Rocky Mountaineer train to Vancouver and embarking on a 7-day AK cruise. **Chrisso Boulis** enjoys work at the Penn Museum Records Registrar, where she assisted with an exhibit *Ancient Food and Flavor* opening in June. She and her husband are still renovating! **Joan Hull Stumborg** lost her father in May, but this summer has been busy with grandsons, golf and a wonderful trip to St George UT. She and **Mary Fitchett Carpenter** try to get together when Mary's in town. Joan enjoys pickle ball with **Pet Pearce Espinoza** and lots of golf with **Emily Gill Mills**. Emily is thrilled to have daughter Valerie, British husband Chris and granddaughter Evelyn Margot (2) in VA Beach after 12 years in Oxford England. Emily and significant other Lee spend 6 months each winter in Ft Myers FL. Son Edward, wife and children (5 and 2) live in Dallas. Emily's 92yo mom **Margot Holt Gill '52** recently moved into the Tradition in Dallas. **Nani Broadbent-Yale** is keeping busy in retirement! She's enjoying zoom art classes with husband Philip through the Royal Academy in London. They spent June in France, visiting Brittany, the Ile-de-Re and the Loire with the Campervan. Growing vegetables and eating out of the garden is a huge pleasure. She also recently finished a charity swim for MacMillan Cancer Support. **Libba Bushnell Williams** is busy with 4 grandchildren who all live in Birmingham. Libba and husband Turner celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary with a trip to Venice and a cruise of the ports of Croatia. Their youngest son is starting his 2nd year of medical school at UAB. Her nest never seems to really be empty,



1981: (Left to right) Lydia Ashanin, Lynn Vaughan, Suzanna Watkins Wilson, Susan Huggins Chandler, and Peggy Walther Winton



1981: (Left to right) Elizabeth Bruno Eaton, Lisa Bechtold Fagan, Carla Bass Viana, Ginny Nelson Snyder, Melanie Harper Moore, Susan Meade Fitzgerald, and Mary Jo Hastings Turner

and most of her beds sleep little people these days for naps and sleepovers. Just the way she likes it! **Sharon Heptinstall Merrick** writes, "When my beloved friend and college roommate, **Tracy Walter Stunja**, asked me years ago to be Godmother to daughter Mary Liz, I was euphoric! When Tracy sent a message that Mary Liz gave birth to a son on Christmas Eve 2023, I was euphoric! 3 generations date back to 2 18-year-olds meeting on the R-MWC campus!" Sharon and **Laurie LaPlaca Holladay '80**, along with their husbands, enjoy a Beach Week every year in VA Beach. Sharon was thrilled to meet and talk with new President Sue Ott Rowland recently. **Jodi Boston Zipp** and Fred are reveling in the wonders of Northern MI, where they currently live from June to Sept. every year. They see **Sue Danin Dickey** and husband Dan from time to time, always a delight. No grandchildren yet, but fingers crossed. Daughter Olivia is an ICU nurse in Seattle, and daughter Emily is in software sales in Denver. They miss their sweet O.G. every day and are dismayed by the lack of action on the opioid crisis which seems to get worse every year. Thanks to **Debi Barrett-Hayes**, **Nancy Wilck** and **Peggy Allen Bradshaw** for updated email addresses! **Marty Daniel Tucker** is enjoying grandkids and teaching kids in Bible Study Fellowship. She's had trips to Chicago, Nashville, New Orleans, St. Louis, and Panama City this year. Her R-MWC art history class sparked a desire to see art on each trip. Son had been teaching in Europe, Japan, Uzbekistan, and Brazil, but now is close by in AR. Daughters are busy with their families, plus teaching and practicing law. **Chris Gallant Dewing** has moved back to her hometown in CT after selling her house in Smithfield VA. Daughter **Libby Dewing '11** still lives with her, along with one of her sisters and her son. She is putting the garden to rights, with deer fencing up a few weeks



1982: Margaret "Meg" McMichael and Annabel Maley's Cardigan Welsh Corgis, Colette, was Select Cardigan female at the Westminster Kennel Club Show



1982: (Left to right) Cathy Shelburne Beck, Claire Long Childress, Megan Hennessy Corum, Athena Sax Michael, Ruth Aiken Owens, Elisabeth Jane Wallace Meynardie, and Sherri Gabbert Pritchard

ago and a woodchuck couple under the garden shed with 4 babies. **Bridget Wells** is enjoying life in the mountains of NC and looking forward to Reunion! As Jodi said, "Hoping to get up there in 2024 for the Reunion—always love coming back, seeing where I found myself." I couldn't agree more!

1980

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1981

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Virginia Godwin lives with wife of 15 years Beth Kelly on a 20 acre farm in Red Oak NC. They have a few Arabian horses and various species of livestock. Virginia trained show horses for 40 years and has served as a US Equestrian Federation national level judge for 10 years. Recently, she started a performance management business offering alternative pain relieving therapies (laser & PEMF) for show horses. She and Beth follow the national level show circuit coast to coast. Virginia's mother **Ellen Gibbs Goodwin '51** is 91 and her father is 97. Both are doing well. Virginia invites classmates to look her up if your travels include eastern NC. **Ginny Nelson Snyder** wrote to say that she keeps in touch with **Melanie Harper Moore**, **Mary Jo Hastings Turner**, **Carla**



1982: (Left to right) Susan Greene Abner, Anne Nelson, and Sandy Shipley Manthorpe



(Left to right) Paul Davidson, Lena Davidson, George Maddox and Adgie Lou Dirom Davidson '82

Bass Viana, **Liz Bruno Eaton**, **Lisa Bechtold Fagan**, and **Susan Meade Fitzgerald**. A few years ago they all visited the Grand Canyon to celebrate their 60th birthdays. In 2022 they spent a fun week together in the TN Smoky Mountains. They spent several days hiking, sightseeing, and visiting Dollywood. They also went on a trail ride to commemorate the time they spent at the Riding Center during their time at R-MWC. They are looking forward to a 65th birthday gathering. Ginny and husband Kurt both retired recently. They are heading to Europe summer of '23 to attend the Royal Military Tattoo in Edinburgh. In 2024 they will cruise to the Panama Canal. Kurt attended high school in Panama and is eager to return. They have 3 married children and 1 grandchild who is in Japan because his father is stationed there with the Air Force. In the summer of '23, **Lydia Ashanin** visited **Jan Eastham Willis** in London. Jan was a student from Reading University who spent a year at R-MWC during the school year 1980-81. Lydia and husband Bob Powers recently relocated from Albuquerque to Hillsboro OR. "It's quite a change to go from the desert of NM to the waterfalls and mountains of the Pacific Northwest" she says. Lydia would love to connect with other R-MWC alumni in the Oregon/Washington area. In Oct '22, a group of classmates who lived in the Talfourd Road house while they spent their junior year in Reading gathered at the house of **Susan Huggins Chandler** in Flat Rock NC. The group included Susan Huggins Chandler, Lydia Ashanin, **Lynn Vaughan**, **Suzanna Watkins Wilson**, and **Peggy Walther Winton**. They spent a wonderful Halloween weekend together exploring the Flat Rock/Hendersonville area, leaf peeping, swapping stories, eating too much good food and making merry. They missed **Robin Fulwiler Nohe** who wasn't able



1982: (Left to right) Rosanne Vercellone Kochanowicz '75 (groom's aunt), Sarah Lemon Ludwig, Leslie Vercellone Tighe, Amy Thornhill Talbo, and Martha Nase Donovan



Bonnie McMillian '82 in Lago de Braies, Italy



In February of this year, we unexpectedly lost Tammy Kidd Kincaid '82, who passed away in a tragic accident

to attend. However, Susan Huggins Chandler and Peggy Walther Winton spent Thanksgiving in NYC and Robin took the train from Purdys NY to Manhattan to meet them for lunch. **Libby Coker Hintz** writes, "After living in NY for 40 years, Al & I have moved back to VA, living in Richmond where all 3 of our children now live, expecting 2 more grandchildren to go with the 3 we already have!"

1982

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We are so sad to report that in Feb. of this year, we unexpectedly lost a classmate, **Tammy Kidd Kincaid**, who passed away in a tragic accident while on vacation. The Class of '82 and the Lynchburg community (which she called home) will remember her as vibrant, intelligent, fun loving and as someone who whole-heartedly embraced life. Tammy was very involved in the Arts at R-MWC and in the community, and will be sorely missed by her family and devoted friends. **Margaret "Meg" McMichael** and **Annabel Maley** breed Cardigan Welsh Corgis. One that they bred, Colette, was Select Cardigan female at the Westminster Kennel Club Show in May and is consistently ranked in the top 10 Cardigans in the USA for 2023! Her formal name is Grand

Champion Silver Champion Cavalier Colette. On the night of July 30-31, the latest litter was born. From classmate **Mary Thomas**, "I am currently the Executive Director of the Wythe-Grayson Regional Library in Southwest Virginia. I have been in this position for 7 years. I'm a commuter! - week days I am living in Wytheville, and I commute 'home' to TN on the weekends. I am the proud grandmother of 2 precious babies - both 18 months - a boy and a girl. My kids had their first children 2 weeks apart and they live close to each other. I know there are R-MWC alumni around in the Wythe County, VA area but I have not reached out. Between work and grandkids - I am keeping rather busy. I am easy to find, it's not hard to track down a librarian, so if there is anyone in the area, look me up. **Anne Nelson** writes, "In Apr. the Land Rover Kentucky 3-day Event provided the perfect reunion spot for R-MWC Class of '82 horse girls **Susan Greene Abner**, **Anne Nelson**, and **Sandy Shipley Manthorpe**. Susan, our hostess, had yearbooks, photo albums, and wine ready for our arrival. We marveled that landing in Bell Dorm freshman year and riding the bus out to the barn was the start of a 45-year friendship! We had many laughs and raised a glass (or 2) to the '82s." **Leslie Vercellone Tighe** celebrated son Alex's wedding to Carissa Lambert last year. They were married last Oct. with several alums present. It was a joyous wedding full of dancing and catching up with each other. **Adgie Lou Dirom Davidson** reports that she and her husband Paul relocated to Northern VA from Texas 2 years ago. The move allows Adgie to visit her elderly but thriving parents in Lynchburg regularly. Adgie and Paul's daughter **Lena Davidson**, who attended Reading in 2016, gave her dad a kidney last summer and they are both doing really well. Lena married George Wesley Maddox in Nov. 2021. Also attending the wedding from Randolph, **Adgie Williams Dirom '57** and **Jennifer Sanborn '17**. **Bonnie McMillan** wants to brag that she won a company trip to the Amalfi Coast in May and after a week there, she and her husband Bruce spent 2 weeks driving from Amalfi to Venice. Bonnie is realizing that empty-nesting really isn't so terrible and looks forward to more adventures after her son's wedding in Oct. 2023. **Pamela Holbrook Fricke** writes, "As I write this I am 20 days away from retiring after 35 years as a middle school Spanish teacher. Like most teachers, I am in disbelief that I actually survived teaching during the pandemic years. But now, I'm looking forward to traveling with my camera and documenting all that I see in my newly available time. Over the past 5 years or so I have developed a love of street photography and have had images exhibited in several juried group exhibitions in the US and abroad. I usually find myself traveling (I especially love Cuba) to capture life and moments

as they happen in public places. @pamela.fricke on Instagram if anyone cares to follow. Along with traveling, I will keep busy continuing to work for Fleur de Lis Camp in various capacities. As far as family goes, my older daughter, Emma, married in June of 2022. She and husband live in Saratoga Springs NY, and my younger daughter, Hannah, will complete her masters degree in Occupational Therapy at Russell Sage College in another year. I recently got together with Pamela Holbrook Fricke while I was visiting NYC. I hope retirement brings with it more visits with my friends in the class of '82! **Sherri Gabbert Pritchard's** daughter, Peyton Holmes Pritchard, wed Daniel Alfred Hoffler, Jr. on Nov. 4, 2022 at The Historic Cavalier Hotel in VA Beach. In attendance were **Kacky Fulgham Bryant '80** and from the Class of '82, **Jane Wallace Meynardie**, **Megan Hennessey Corum**, **Claire Long Childress**, **Athena Sax Michael**, **Cathy Shelburne Beck**, and **Ruth Aiken Owens**. "We danced the night away and had a wonderful time together!"

1983

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The Class of '83 celebrated its 40th Reunion in June, welcoming almost 30 alums. **Tulip Chaudhury** won the distinction of farthest travel, coming all the way from Canberra, Australia, where she has lived and worked for the government for 36 years. Traveling up from TX were **Allison Kay Jarvis** and **Maggie Williams**. Alison lives and works in Tyler, where she continues to pursue her passions of ballet and historic gardens. Maggie is retired from state government and now travels when she can—most recently to Israel and Istanbul. **Page McDonald Crosby** is living in Baltimore and loves her career as an occupational therapist, despite it being tough and demanding work. **Anne Joyner Sheehan** is in Atlanta and has a daughter in NYC and a son with 1 more semester at Auburn. She sold her tax business in 2021 and is trying to finish her house. **Muffet Wright Chapman** is living in Spartanburg SC, working as an interior designer, as well as volunteering with a child poverty organization and with Trail Development in Spartanburg County. **Robin Winford Daughtry** is currently in Knoxville, TN, but is building a home in Wilmington NC, near the spot where **Jamie Ledbetter D'Innocenzo** just moved last spring. Jamie's husband recently retired, but she reports she actually likes having him around! **Catherine Calcote Fischer** is in Charlotte NC, and is due to become a grandmother for the first time in Oct. **Melissa Marks Williams**, in Richmond, is way ahead on that score, with 3 granddaughters. Melissa is in

a garden club with fellow Richmonder **Kathryn Blackwell West**, who is also a local real estate agent. She's helped classmates find their dream homes in the area. **Diane Lilly Gee** is also living in Richmond and recently retired after 20 years as a chemical engineer and professor. She and her husband enjoy long breaks at their house in the Outer Banks. Not far away in Williamsburg VA, is **Stephanie Gwaltney Broadwater** who moved there a year and a half ago. She has 4 grandchildren and serves as Director-at-Large for her Garden Club. **Val Sands Weeks** and **Elizabeth Dechert Boscovich** both traveled up to Reunion from the Sunshine State. Val lives in Tallahassee and is retired but still consulting in her field of environmental science (with many tales of snakes and alligator encounters). Elizabeth lives in Grant with her commercial fisherman husband. She's retired from Human Resources and now collects dogs, is a Master Gardener, and oversees the soft-shell crab tank during molting season. **Liz Ritter Baumer** was recently living in Italy but has moved back to VA Beach. She works at Westminster Canterbury in Home Help Hospice. **Mary Smith McCoy Adams** lives in Delaware and has spent 38 years in her credit union career. She has 2 children—Ashley, 31, and Andrew, 28—and a cat named Marco Polo. Heads up Class of '83! **Celia Lloyd** is retiring and hitting the road from Lynchburg to a city near you in her new, custom-built RV. She and her partner Michelle plan to travel the country for the next few years connecting with nature and people they encounter. Answer the doorbell if she rings it! **Kathy Fields** works as a Sales Rep for Stanton Carpet, traveling to showrooms all over the region. She rescues pets and currently has 6 cats and 4 dogs. She is slowly renovating a 160-year-old house in Petersburg VA. If you're in Central VA, you might spot Kathy's cameo appearance in a local MedSpa commercial! **Salena Stevenson Staley** lives in Northern VA and is currently enjoying retirement after a long government career and staying busy with volunteer projects. She has 2 kids and a grandcat. **Sara Thompson** continues her food service career with Meriwether Godsey in Richmond, and although she travels almost constantly, she makes time to ride her horse Sal and volunteer in Equine Therapy. **Elizabeth Seward Deastlov** is living in Shrewsbury, MA, and has a daughter about to graduate from Seton Hill University and another living in New York. Elizabeth has had a wide variety of jobs and careers, but has now settled into a much-loved role as a Kindergarten Assistant. **Anne Leigh Schoeffel Manley** recently returned to the Richmond area from FL with her 3 dogs and cat. With her late husband and college sweetheart Jack, Anne lived in Turkey, the Azores and other exotic locales and had 2



1984: (Front row, seated, left to right) Andrea Prestridge, Susan Braselton Fant, Kate Hall Mai, Sheri Asher Passalino, Maryanne Davis, Lynne Trotter Patterson. (Back row, left to right) Sydney Tye Stuart, Dinky Evett Winn, Mary Laurie Johnson Cece, Julie Rountree Folse, Jane Bellows McCullough, and Nonie Bruechner Caruthers

daughters and a son. She now works as an interior designer and is obsessed with shark's teeth and other fossils. **Margaret Davis Shields** lives in New Bern NC, and recently welcomed a grandson and attended the MT wedding of her son. She works as a grant writer and helps operate her family's historic home and event venue on the Eastern Shore.

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Mary Margaret Payne Little is in Lynchburg and is Director of Dining Services for Meriwether Godsey at Virginia Episcopal School. She loves her job with Meriwether Godsey and seeing **Rie Meriwether Godsey '77**, **Marta Ruggles '82** and **Sara Thompson '83**. She says that it is hard to believe that husband, Downs, moved home to Lynchburg 10 years ago. Mary Margaret recently had the pleasure of running into Dr. John d'Entremont and had a nice time catching up. Dr. d'Entremont is enjoying retirement. Mary Margaret sees a lot of **Nina Vest Salmon '85** and **Pattie Ames '85**, as well as **Kathryn Taylor Overstreet**. She frequently runs into **Mary Schwab Taylor & Laura Cameron Craddock**, and they were talking recently about our next Reunion and that we will hopefully have a great turnout. **Maryanne Davis** reports that **Sheri Asher Passalino**, **Jane Bellows McCullough**, **Susan Braselton Fant**, **Nonie Bruechner Caruthers**, **Maryanne Davis**, **Dinky Evett Winn**, **Kate Hall Mai**, **Mary Laurie Johnson Cece**, **Andrea Prestridge**, **Julie Rountree Folse**, **Lynne Trotter Patterson**, and **Sydney Tye Stuart** traveled to Italy in May to celebrate their "big birthday" while most of us were still 60! Husbands and boyfriends were included so there were 20 of them in a gorgeous 15th century villa in the heart of Tuscany. They enjoyed great food and wine, exploring the beautiful region with day trips, and laughter every day! She said it was wonderful



(Left to right) Molly Hubbard Prindall '84, Martha Meroney Zottarelli '84, Katie Warfield Schroeder '85, Margaret Smith Cunningham '84, Hollye Handel Morgan '84, Margaret Hoffman Huffman '84, and Lorraine Ausley '85

being together and laughing over the old familiar stories while adding so many new memories to cherish. Sadly, **Anne Ailsworth Toms**, **Beth Fennell Pontius**, **Jill Fox Trimble**, **Cornelia Harbison Hoover** and **Lee Kelley Karpowicz** could not join them for this trip. She reports they have been blessed to see each other frequently over the past 40+ years to strengthen the bonds of friendship that began at R-MWC. They already have their next trip planned in Oct. to cheer on Sheri as she dances in a competition fundraiser for Giordano Dance Chicago! **Robin Luttrell** reports that she is still biking and working, plus traveling some – primarily to visit family. **Hunter McKinley Sydnor** wrote that she and husband, Bo, traveled to Panama in late Apr. They found Panama to be beautiful and they thoroughly enjoyed seeing the canal. They also traveled to VA to see their high school and college friends around the state – Deltaville, Charlottesville and Richmond. Hunter reports that it was great to see people they had not seen in years, including a brunch with **Pam Weinacht**, **Amy Heinbockel Burgoyne**, and yours truly, **Laura Bateman**. **Kay Smith Jay** wrote that she has been in Clarksville TN for 13 years. Kay retired from the residential mortgage loan industry Dec 2020. Her children are grown and she is blessed with one grandson, age 6, and 2 granddaughters, ages 2 and 6 mos. Kay and husband Jim are empty nesters except their mother-in-law, Kathy, now lives with them. They are planning a trip to Greece in the fall of 2023. Kay would love to see anyone visiting the Nashville area. **Nancy Gendron Hofmann** says, "Gretchen Krug '87 and I got together in my old home town of Frankenmuth, MI, over the 4th of July. We had a wonderful time catching up, browsing in touristy shops, eating too much delicious food and watching the fireworks." **Margaret Smith Cunningham**, **Molly Hubbard Prindall**, **Martha Meroney Zottarelli**, **Katie Warfield Schroeder**, **Hollye Handel Morgan**, and **Margaret Huffman** traveled early summer to Tallahassee FL to visit **Lorraine Ausley '85** at Mistletoe, Lorraine's home away from home in Tallahassee. Classmates, please make plans to return to Lynchburg to



1985: (Front row, left to right) Carolyn Somazze Fodel and Jenet Lee Ahn. (Back row, left to right) Kathrine Johnson McMahon, Beth Ballard Kilgore, Nell Jefferson Fredericksen, Tina Pack McLane, Ann Cammack, Michelle Logan Mazanec, and Mary Ellen Clark



1985: (Left to right) Anne Rogers McCaffrey, Cynthia Rosasco Latimer, and Annie Davis Mewborn

reconnect with dear friends during Reunion weekend, Thur, May 16 - Sun, May 19. Bookmark the Reunion page (www.randolphcollege.edu/reunion) for up-to-date information as it becomes available. I encourage you to email me any updates to 1984@randolphcollege.edu.

1985

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There was a gathering of ladies from the Class of '85 including **Carolyn Somazze Fodel**, **Jenet Lee Ahn**, **Katherine Johnson McMahon**, **Nell Jefferson Fredericksen**, **Beth Ballard Kilgore**, **Tina Pack McLane**, **Ann Cammack**, **Michelle Logan Mazanec**, and **Mary Ellen Clark** at Lake Champlain in Upstate NY! We will have another one next June 19-23 in Florissant CO. We have a lodge reserved and would love our fellow classmates to join us. For more information check our Class of '85 Facebook page or you can contact me.

1986

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Our very own **Heather Ayers Garnett** is back at the helm in Casey House! Heather also got married on Apr. 22, 2023 to James Tyler and has a new granddaughter, Alice Marie Garnett, born in June to **McKinzie Garnett '17** and wife Jen. Reunion was less than a month after her return and she had a motley crew of '86ers helping with the weekend. Thank goodness she

and **Larkin Mott** are so organized; they kept us all in line! Helping out over the weekend were **Ruth Moyers Hallman**, **Laura Lee Lanier**, **Mary Ellzey Davis**, **Dorothy Chew Clark**, **Caro Ward Miguelez**, **Alison Smith Kosnett** and husband Phil and yours truly. Phil was a total trooper staying on third West with us and helping with whatever was needed. As seems to happen with our crew, the fire alarm was triggered (not our fault!) and we all rolled down the stairs and out to front campus in our lovely night attire. After Reunion, we continued on to the river where we were joined by **Mary Frances Jaap Bellman**, **Anne Henley Yauger** and **Susan Tremaglio Hill '88**. It was a lovely few days of storytelling, laughter and good food! Ruth and family have just returned from a trip to France and Switzerland. They traveled through the Loire Valley on bikes, so their trip was a lot of hiking, biking and trains. Daughter Mary Douglass has started grad school and is a grad assistant coach for cross country and track. Catherine is starting her second year teaching science. Bonus son Max is moving back to Richmond and starting a job at Capital One. Ruth is getting ready to start her second year at Savannah Country Day. I'm looking forward to both her and **Julie Coxe's** attendance at my son Jonathan's wedding in Laguna Beach in Oct. Julie is about to join the Empty Nest Club as daughter Lucija starts college at Arizona State University. **Cynthia Kramer Paris's** youngest son, Christopher, completed his Plebe time at the Naval Academy by being the first to get to the top of the Herndon Monument and replace the Dixie cup hat with an upperclassman's hat. Cynthia would have been bursting with pride! In July, Dorothy caught up with quite a crew of '86ers in Richmond! **Alicia Cahalane Lewis** is a published author! Her first novella is titled *Room Service Please* and her second is *Restless*. She started her own publishing company; Tattered Script, which helps first time authors establish a platform. Her daughter Sarah had a daughter in Jan. Daughter Lydia lives in Maui and is due with her first child in Sept. **Katie Lenehan Wyckoff** still works for Nestle in Arlington VA. Daughter Sarah went to UVA and was sorority sisters with Dorothy's daughter Margaret. Sarah went to Columbia for Medical School and is a resident in neurology in Chicago. Daughter Caroline works for Ernst and Young in NYC. **Kara Albert Davis** is a lawyer in Atlanta specializing in commercial litigation. She has twin boys who are 23 and a daughter who is 20. **Martha Robertson Bowden's** son Ned married last year. His wife is the niece of **Carol Boellner Jeffrey**. Daughter Harrison and husband Tyler have a baby boy, Marshall. Daughter Clay lives in Nashville and just started her own design business. Although **Lisa Meeks Seaton** wasn't present, Dorothy was able



McKinzie Garnett '17, Robyn Rorrer Puryear '86, Heather Ayers Garnett '86, Lorraine Blanks Potter '75, and Robin Tuttle '86 at the reception of Heather Ayers Garnett '86 and James Tyler in 2023

to get an update. Lisa lives in Charlotte, where daughter Ann Louise and husband have recently returned to. Daughter Caroline is in NOVA and getting married in the fall. As for me, daughter Kallie and husband Dylan bought a house in Falls Church. Kallie is working at The Smithsonian National Zoo in Advancement and Dylan is a Senior Legislative Assistant for Congressman Don Beyer. Son Jonathan and fiancée Sam bought a house in Old Town Alexandria and we are so excited for their wedding in Oct! Jonathan is a Senior Analyst for Knollwood. Sam works for the National Democratic Institute as a Program Officer. Andrew is an Investment Analyst at Accolade Partners. He lives in Arlington and Brian and I are fully aware how lucky we are to have all of our kids within 5 miles of each other! After 22 years as a Portfolio Manager in Fixed Income at T Rowe Price, Brian retired in Jan. So far his retirement has meant more time spent at our place in Bethany Beach which is a nice change of pace. Keep the news coming! You can find me on our class FB page as well as the email above. **Ginny Farthing** writes, "Since leaving R-MWC in May 1986, I've experienced many life changes: a marriage, 5 children, 5 grandchildren (and one more on the way), a divorce, the death of my father, a remarriage, and finally: retirement from 23 years of teaching high school biology and environmental science."

1987

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Kudos to those classmates who sent a note or 2 in response to my last minute request. **Mary Beth Payne Baker** shared, "All is well here in Lexington. Mac continues teaching at VMI. Enjoying this season of life with teens becoming more independent. Ellie is transferring from NC State to Ga Tech for her sophomore year, studying computer engineering. James is a highschool



(Left to right) Mary Ellzey Davis '86, Susan Tremaglio Hill '88, Mary Frances Jaap Bellman '86, Dorothy Chew Clark '86, Laura Lee Lanier '86, Ruth Moyers Hallman '86, Alison Kenny Brennan '86, and Alison Smith Christiansen '86



1986: (Front, left to right) Martha Robertson Bowden, Dorothy Chew Clark. (Back, left to right) Katie Lenehan Wyckoff, Alicia Cahalane Lewis, and Kara Albert Davis



1986: (Left to right) Kara Albert Davis, Katie Lenehan Wyckoff, Martha Robertson Bowden and Alicia Cahalane Lewis

senior and is hoping to apply to William and Mary or University of Richmond to study math and music. For the first time in years I have a garden with deer fencing around it and it is very rewarding to grow vegetables again. Other than caretaking beloved parents, I am enjoying the simple things, gardening, reading, quilting and walking. Hoping to add painting to the list once school resumes. Life is good and we are feeling well blessed." **Flo Fisackerly Brooks** and her husband, Burt, recently celebrated their youngest son's graduation from VA Tech. Flo is reading her way through all of John Grisham's books because her mother said she should. **Caroline Henry Hall** reported, "Our lives have been challenging for the last year or so. My mother had a stroke last Dec. and recovery has been uneven. My father is facing multiple health challenges and my father in law passed away in May. But Chip and I know we are so blessed to have our parents with us for so long. Our boys are doing great. The oldest is now a Captain in the Army and the youngest is starting his junior year at the University of North Dakota and just finished his private pilot license. So we've got much to be thankful for!" **Moyanne**

Dixon Harding messaged from Lynchburg, "I'm still very busy with Interior design around VA. I'm doing the DR at the Richmond Symphony Design house! It starts Sept 8 and it's open for all to tour for a good month. My Real Estate is also booming along with lots of estate sales under my other company Estates and Consignments. Hoping for a getaway soon but have been striking while the iron is hot! So excited to have my youngest grandchild starting Randolph Nursery school this fall. His mom and my daughter Kealie also went to the Randolph Nursery as a 3-year-old so we had fun visiting and reminiscing. Where does the time go? Trying to hit the gym 3 times a week to stay healthy and fit for my little guys. Being a grandma is so fun and exhausting." **Sarah Lewis** sent the following update, "I started a new psychotherapy practice in 2022, called The Lewis Practice and my fellow classmates will clearly see I am still as creative as I always have been with the clever name. My practice serves all ages with all mental health issues and I have specialties in trauma and working with elite athletes which I have been doing for a million years. In all seriousness, it is such an important time for mental health support, please follow me on Instagram for funny and hopefully helpful mental health info @thelewispractice. In my personal life, my one and only kiddo is being "re-homed" (I prefer this rather than saying I am empty nesting) to Loyola Maryland University to play lacrosse and hopefully attend class. My daughter Kennedy, (due to my being English), was invited to try out for the U21 England National World Cup Lacrosse team. She made the team and in July we all traveled to watch her play in the U21 lacrosse European Championship in Prague and England won. Now she is setting her sights on trying to be among the players selected to go to Hong Kong for the World Cup in the summer of 2024. So all that to say, all is well and lots of new adjustments.

Debbie Lombard succinctly reported, "I'm in New Orleans trying to stay cool." **Ann Scott Kelly** and Flo reconnected recently over lunch in RVA.

Nancy Williams Phillips noted, "Both of my nieces graduated from R-MWC, one was the last graduating class before the school went co-ed, anyway, they just passed on the book *Good Girls Lie*, by **J.T. Ellison '91**. It was very entertaining and of course had lots of references to many of our memories from college." **Amy Gee Tillapaugh** shared, "I am getting ready to start another year in the classroom at Caroline High School teaching social studies. Last year I started a Japanese club so I had to dust off those memories from my year abroad back in 1985!" I would love to share any tidbit of news you might want to pass on in the next magazine. If you are not up to writing, then let's go out to lunch and I'll take it from there!

1988

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Hello Class of '88! I am truly honored and excited to have been voted our new class secretary! First, I would like to thank these members of our Sister Class of '86 who helped make our 35th Reunion fabulous: **Alison Kenny Brennan, Dorothy Chew Clark, Mary Ellzey Davis, Ruth Moyers Hallman, Alison Smith Kosnett, Laura Lee Lanier, Caro Ward, Miguelez and Larkin Mott**. "You all rocked!" In addition, I have been able to catch up with many of our '88 classmates (including my Jr. Year Norfolk House housemates **Suzannah Van Straaten** and **Elizabeth Lacefield Buchholz**!) Here is what they all shared: **Kate Goodman** writes, "As always, I had a great time at Reunion! I only wish more classmates could have attended this year. I hope everyone marks 2028 on their calendars for our 40th! Spending time with these '88 classmates made me so happy: **Kristin Hanly Dickey, Jennifer Smith Dollins, Paige Coates Hamilton, Susan Tremaglio Hill, Niki Nickols O'Herlihy, Michaux Segar Parsons, Sue Mackay Roberts** and **Sara Vaughan Wyant**. After Reunion, I also had a great visit in July with more '88 classmates: **Ann Sanders Jennings, Sara Dyck Taylor, Libby Dorman Trampenau, Ann Monroe Tuemler** and **Mary Pinck Wood** at Mary Pinck's home in Sarasota FL. Between cocktails, sunset cruises, a visit to an elephant preserve (and did I say cocktails?), our time together was restorative and wonderfully fun. This group of super globetrotters have made me step up my game as Sarasota is the farthest I have been from VA this year. The others have represented R-MWC in Portugal, Croatia, Amsterdam, Grenada, Turkey, and Spain in '23! Kristin Hanly Dickey has been teaching at Calvert Christian Academy in Charlotte for several years. She writes, "I am a 6th grade English and Social Studies teacher and "Middlers" are my Jam! Husband Dave and I are enjoying our new phase of life parenting young, independent adults. My Reunion highlight was Fri night dinner where we enjoyed fantastic food and reconnected with each other. Sara Vaughn Wyant and husband John are enjoying lake life at Lake Anna. She writes, "I am semi-retired practicing at Lake Anna Veterinary Hospital, a premier small animal general practice close to home. Hope you all stayed cool in the summer heat!" Susan Tremaglio Hill writes, "I have relocated to FL to try something new and different from living in KY. After 15 yrs at Summit Academy in Louisville, a school for students with difficulties, I am taking this year to teach 5th graders in a public school in Naples. So far,



1988: (Left to right) Ann Monroe Tuemler, Kate Goodman, Sara Dyck Taylor, Libby Dorman Trampenau, Mary Pinck Wood and Ann Sanders Jennings at a FL elephant preserve

my experience has been exciting and scary. Life is short so it is time to live my life to the fullest! Both of my daughters live in Boston. My youngest Maddie is working for Enterprise Car Rental, and Eliza is with Shepherd Financial Co. My oldest son Charlie is pursuing a career as a commercial airline pilot and has recently started training with Louisville Aviation. So, what's up with Suzanna Van Straaten? She is living in the center of Amsterdam with her partner Willem. She writes, "We have been together for 5 years but met long before, when we were both working at Genzyme, a biotech company. He has 3 children and I have one son, Jesse, and all 4 attend the university in Holland. My career has been in biotech, and I recently started working for a US startup to set up their EU business, very exciting! Willem and I love to travel, especially to the USA to see friends, eat lobster and drink margaritas. These 3 things we both miss most while living in Europe!" Elizabeth Lacefield Buchholz has lived in Austin for 25 years! She writes, "husband Andy and I are in the same anesthesia practice which works well for me since I can convince him to take some of my calls while I steal his vacation days! He works in cardiac anesthesia, and I am in pediatric anesthesia. First child out of the house, daughter Sarah graduated from Sewanee last year and is living in Park City working as Ski Patrol at Deer Valley Resort during ski season and is a medical assistant at a primary care clinic. In summer, she also works as an EMT volunteer! Kellen will be starting high school this fall. He loves lacrosse, wake surfing, playing guitar with his band and skiing. To escape the 105 degree heat this past July, Kellen organized our family vacation to British Columbia where he went to a mogul training camp in Whistler/Blackcomb while Andy and I went together and hiked in Vancouver and Whistler. If ever in Austin, please look me up! I promise to be at our 40th!" Lastly, this is your new Secretary making sure you all send me email updates frequently going forward. Ciao for now!

REUNION MAY 16-19, 2024 **1989**

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Hello dear classmates! May 16-19th, 2024 Reunion will be 35 years since we graduated! Join our class Facebook Page, R-MWC Class of 1989! **Joy Nagel McGreevy** currently resides in her hometown of Lake Forest IL where she raised her 2 children Austin, 25, and Bridget, 23. Joy has been traveling this year, from hiking Utah, biking AZ, as well as exploring Japan, Israel & Palestine. She is always game for the next adventure! **Tracy Eversole Smith** resides in Franklin TN with her husband Tommy of 30 years. Their 2 oldest children Ali, 28, and Bo, 24, live in Nashville and youngest daughter, Hannah, 21, is a senior at Auburn. Tracy continues to work PRN as a physical therapist as well as interior design for Providence Interiors. She loves to hike, travel, spend time at the ocean, and is learning to play contract bridge, which she admits is challenging all her brain cells! **Carol Scott** lives in Nashville and currently works as a Cardiology NP at HCA Centennial Medical Center. She frequently sees other R-MWC classmates also living in Nashville; Tracy Eversole Smith, **Amy Roberts Norton**, and **Sanna Welles Tucker**. She also sees **Anne Hazlehurst Garrard '88**. **Chrissy Powell Snelling** resides in Dallas TX where she has lived her entire life. All 3 of her children live in Dallas; Powell, 27, Zach 26, and Abby, 24. This year she celebrated 31 years of marriage to Clay, Zach's wedding in Jan. and Abby's wedding in Sept. Her hobbies include tennis, pickleball and mahjong! Chrissy is looking forward to seeing everyone at the class Reunion in May! Amy Roberts Norton and her husband Will are on the verge of 30 years married and are enjoying being empty nesters now that their son and daughter have launched into adulthood. Amy is an executive coach and consultant and when she's not helping people on the healthy culture side of business, she loves traveling - and seeing R-MWC classmates when they come to town!

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Melissa Buettner Bartenslager attended Reunion and shared that her son, Jeb died 03/17/2020.

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Misti King Elting and husband Billy celebrated their 28th anniversary in Mar. Her 3 daughters are thriving! Lyndsey (21), graduated a year early from UNC-Charlotte in May. Before applying to grad school, she's taking a gap year in the Disney College Program as a Kilimanjaro Safari Driver at Disney World. Alyssa (23) served 4 years in the Army & is now enrolled at UNC-Charlotte & is a college Cheerwine Ambassador. Haley (25) works from home in insurance, lives in South Charlotte, has recently taken up golf, and loves to swap recipes with Misti. Misti & Billy keep busycamping, backpacking, hanging out at local breweries & take long Jeep rides with their boxers, Luke & Daisy. **Nell Travis Campbell** and family traded hot, sticky, Kentucky for 2 weeks in the Outer Hebrides in Scotland this summer. They returned in time to take daughter Iona to Washington & Lee University, where she'll be a freshman. W&L is husband Doug's alma mater & where Nell & Doug met as sophomores in 1992. **Claire Holland Harraghy** is undergoing treatment for breast cancer and has received a lot of love & support from her Randolph-Macon peeps. We're all supporting you Claire!! Her oldest is starting college at Jacksonville University, studying marine sciences, and her youngest is at boarding school (Garrison Forest School) in Baltimore. Claire celebrated her 20th wedding anniversary & 50th birthday by snorkeling in Belize. The family also took a trip to Italy. **Mari Satalaksana's** oldest son, Alonzo Brata recently released his first jazz album, *Giant Baby Steps*, (available on digital music platforms). Her daughter is enrolling in University and her youngest just began 1st grade. In June, Mari took a new position as CEO of the Australian Council for Educational Research (ACER) Indonesia. She lives in Jakarta, Indonesia. **Cathy King Madsen** and family moved from Fairfax to Fredericksburg VA. In May, Dr. Gillette was her company's guest speaker for Mental Health Awareness Month! It was great



Misti King Elting '95 and husband Billy

to reconnect after so many years and they had a great talk before the event. He's as dynamic as ever. Cathy offered to sneak **Ruthie Evers '97** into his talk (as she used to sneak Ruthie into philosophy classes when Ruthie was a prospective student) but not this time. **Alecia Sanders Gray** recently celebrated her 1 year anniversary as an IT Business Systems Analyst. She loves her team and the work. She's very grateful for the conversations with her R-MWC connections which led her into this line of work. Alecia is getting used to the heat of Northern CA after living in cooler climates for 12 years. They enjoy the ability to visit beautiful places like Muir Woods and Mt. Shasta. Son Ben started 8th grade. Seeing R-MWC classmates sending their kids to college is hitting Alecia in the feels "cause I haven't gotten tired of hanging out with him yet!" **Kristi Kneas** has transitioned to a new position as the Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs at Elizabethtown College. Kristi's family is planning vacations around college visits for her oldest son, a rising HS junior who's interested in humanities and business programs. Her youngest son is in 5th grade. He and Kristi take in information about science and engineering programs. **Genia Livings Welburn** celebrated her 50th with a fabulous trip. Husband Craig sent Genia and a few friends to the Essence festival in New Orleans. **Emily Bentzen** was there and it was fabulous to party with her college roommate like they were still 18! It was super hot in NOLA but they ate enough amazing food to make the heat tolerable. Genia is currently Vice Chair of the Randolph College Board of Trustees. It's an exciting time and Genia hopes that many alumnae/i return and see what an amazing place the College continues to be. Daughter Cameron is beginning her freshman year at Liberty University and is excited. Genia is excited for her to be in Lynchburg. Son C.J. is a 10th grader and daughter Kendall is in 7th. Genia's officially in the land of teenagers! **Kathi Eckert Fath's** daughter was valedictorian of her 8th grade class (Palisades Episcopal School). She's starting Palisades HS this fall and has joined the swim team and continues to work at Carowinds. Hopefully she figures out a way to squeeze in her classes. **Laurel Westly** and her family acquired a new teardrop trailer and spent 2 weeks breaking it in on their way back to

OR. She also enjoys spending time with **Susan Apollonio Barrows** and husband Dan because they do all the cool things around Portland. **Paige Sargent Legenhausen** is thinking about a R-MWC cruise for our class in the next few years. If you have any interest please reach out to Paige on Facebook or email me and I'll forward your email to Paige.

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Hello Class of '96! I hope everyone is doing well! **Barbara Grub** wrote that she and her family are living in Kosovo and really loving it. They went to Istanbul in Apr. and found that little glimpse of Turkey to be delightful. They're heading back to the US to visit family in Oct. and looking forward to relaxing with family on the north coast and walking through the redwoods. She's then off to Bangkok for training. Their Kosovan kitten, Serafina, is now a year old and they are so happy to have her. **Marta Mikkelsen Burnet** also did a lot of traveling. Her family took a trip to Europe this summer where they missed seeing **Tara Sparks Pitts'** family in Dublin by literally an hour. They usually do a summer trip together every other year and this was the off year, but great minds think alike and they had both planned trips to Ireland and beyond. Luckily, they had seen each other in Feb. when Marta's family visited DC and NYC. In other news, Marta is now Director for Advancing Empathy at Woodland Park Zoo in Seattle. She has really found her passion in the conservation education and action space, working with zoos across the country. In the past year and a half, she has visited about 30 zoos and aquariums. Sounds like all great experiences! **Jen Wingard** wrote that she has been really engaged with the arts over the last couple of years, with a solo show in Maryland and a few gallery exhibits in PA. She launched a small natural perfumery business, RELIQ, and has been really enjoying the creative application of her science background. She's also been enjoying remote producing a big band radio program for community radio called *Grandma's Jazz* based out of Southern Illinois. She's very grateful for the supportive arts community in the York PA area and would be delighted to get in touch with other alums in the area. As for myself, with an unplanned detour to Dubai for a day, I spent a week in Cape Town, South Africa and Luanda, Angola for work. I had a great opportunity to visit several of ExxonMobil's programs in women's economic development and malaria prevention in Angola, and the positive impact they're having on communities there. After family vacations to Angel Fire NM and the beach outside



Megan McLeod Cutter '98 and husband Barton, with puppy Tundra

Galveston TX with my sister, **Adrienne Leo '04** and her kids, we're back in the throes of school (including college applications!), swim practices and all other kid-related things. Looking forward to hearing from you all in the next bulletin, which you can send through the Randolph College email address above, Facebook Messenger or LinkedIn. **Sandra Diegel Bemis** writes, "I now reside in Wendell NC with my husband Wade. Happily retired from careers in health care and real estate but would love to hook up with alums in the Raleigh area."

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It was great to see so many classmates at Reunion! There have been lots of moves in our class these past couple of years, both personally and professionally. **Megan McLeod Cutter** and husband Barton moved to Broomfield CO after 17 years in NC: "The mountains were calling us toward more adventure after losing a number of friends and isolating for so long. Adventuring with our new husky puppy Tundra, we are excited to start sharing our adventures in an inclusive format Feb 2024! And I can't wait to connect with alums who are in the area! I still work in business development sales enablement for a financial investment firm, shifting into technology & content management, AI, and organizational change - though my love is always a pen for poetry and being behind the lens of a camera." **Meredith Bunch Prokuski** earned her MS in Industrial & Organizational Psychology in May. She writes, "The big day was extra special, as I got to share it with my oldest son, TJ, as he earned his BS in Business Administration. We even made the front page of the local paper! I would also like to say thank you to everyone who reached out to



Meredith Bunch Prokuski '98 and son TJ

offer prayers, words of encouragement, meals, care packages, and more following Jonathan's accident. You were all lifesavers in a very special way. He is doing well, and we expect him to start the day program soon. He has been standing a little and taking a few steps with a walker, so we are hopeful that he'll be able to do even more with the help of the folks at the Shepherd Center. He and I will both be living on campus in Atlanta for 4-8 weeks, so keep those prayers coming!" **Sarah Barham Stuart** started a new job teaching Pre-K at Christ the King Catholic School in Little Rock AR where her 3 boys attend. **Robyn Hartzog Wise** started her 10th year at the McLean School in Potomac MD with a new role as Grade 8 Dean while continuing to teach Pre-Algebra and Algebra classes. She writes "All my spare time in the fall is dedicated to feeding the Maring Band at the University of MD, where my daughter is starting her senior year. It was through the University publications that I ran across **Kate Leaming Goldberg's** work. We connected, and she was a guest speaker at a Math Club meeting for some of my students! It was fun to share stories about our math classes together at R-MWC." **Paige Firestone Schnabel** recently left her position as head of marketing for a national healthcare company to take over the operations of an education startup; more flexibility in hours and location allow her family to travel more. She writes, "My son Leo celebrated his bar mitzvah last year and starts high school this year, with a strong interest in engineering and business. He always surprises me with how he's become a mature young man. David, Leo, and I are still in Dallas but I visit the East Coast often, and have really enjoyed meeting up with **Mrinalini Lhila '99** in NYC." **Emily Farner Johns** took an exciting new position at Canyon Ranch in Lenox MA as their spa operations manager and moved to Pittsfield MA. She shares, "Life is crazy these days - seems like a new normal for us! I am also almost finished with a certificate program as an integrative health & wellness coach (through Maryland University for Integrative Health)." Congratulations to you all, and keep the updates coming!



2000: Vicki Mathew and Annie Johnson Dunn in Australia

REUNION MAY 16-19, 2024 **1999**

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Class of 1999 has been busy with lots of little reunions and constant reminders that time flies.

Karey Fellers Draper reports she's still living in a little village in England with her 2 children and various pets, including a few sheep. After 13 years, she has finally gained her British citizenship and took part in a formal ceremony, swearing allegiance to King Charles III, which was surreal but fun. She is working as the Curator of Historic Buildings at Hampton Court Palace, just outside of London. It's a dream role for an architectural historian; she oversees maintenance and conservation projects along with research, writing, working with students, giving talks and tours, and planning future exhibitions. Daughter Sevrin just graduated high school and will be at University of Glasgow in Sept. Son Logan, 16, has 2 more years to go before the nest is empty. Where does the time go?! In Jan, Karey was visited by **Meg Byerly Williams, Ariana Azzone Williams, Travis Giles Schnell, Robin Solovey Fisher, Carmen Horner Smith, and Paige Kroner**. Everyone met in Edinburgh and spent several days sightseeing and having a great time. R-MWC friendships are the best! **Alison Wood** and **Mary Cate Claudias** met for dinner in DC in July while Ali was at a conference. **Laura Campbell Shook** came out for a visit with **Kylie Warkentien Cuthbertson** in May. We went down to Roanoke to celebrate the life of Jim Burtch, husband to **Megan Smith Burtch**, who passed away in Apr. after a brief battle with pancreatic cancer. The celebration turned into a mini reunion when **Lauren Baddeloo Methena** and **Jenny Mason Palmer** attended as well. It was wonderful to feel the love and support. Megan reports that she and the kids are transitioning to a new normal and are doing well. Megan traveled with daughter Teegan to NC this summer for gymnastics camp. **Nicole Raymond Milligan** took a lovely vacation to Hawaii with her family this summer. **Jessica Crittenden Pryor, Heather Spears Beckford, Kate Coventry, and Christina Stoddard** got together in Mar. in Seattle, where Heather has been living since graduation and before she moved to HI. **Maria Elena Amador** says her



1999: (Left to right) Heather Spears Beckford, Chrystina Hively Cleveland, Jessica Crittenden Pryor, and Kate Coventry

kid graduated from high school this year. **Laura Campbell Shook's** youngest has been accepted to Arkansas School of Mathematics, Sciences, and Arts, Laura's alma mater. These little reunions are great but please mark your calendars for the big Reunion next year, May 16-19, 2024.

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Class of 2000! I know many of us keep up on social media, but it would be so great to have more updates for the class notes! Send them anytime! Special thanks to **Victoria "Vicki" Mathew** for sending a beautiful update, and to **Shannon Fox Edwards** for encouraging her to do so! Vicki was awarded a sabbatical from teaching science with Baltimore City Public Schools. During the sabbatical, she traveled the world making observations about the intersection between climate change and conservation. Vicki's work also involved mindfulness, STEM, women's empowerment, and various service projects. The bulk of her time was spent in Tanzania working with her non-profit Tetea Inc, which she established after serving as a Peace Corps volunteer soon after graduation; while there, she evaluated the 10-week English bootcamp and the libraries built by Tetea. Prior to leaving and during her travels, Vicki was able to see a number of our classmates, including **Chana Shwadlenak Madrid, Taryn Noto Habberley, Sue Johnston Parcell, Molly MacLaren Lynch**, and the Reading Kellys in DC; Shannon and **Erin Evans Schesny** and husband Fred at a Tetea fundraiser; **Annie Johnson Dunn** in Australia; and Chana and **Lisa Shantz** in Seattle. Vicki sums up her travels beautifully: "I've been blessed to have this opportunity and cannot wait to share what I've learned with my students back home. I've also been so thankful for having the support of my R-MWC community. I've loved receiving messages from Macon women rallying me with their words. I've tried not to take this year for granted. Here's to moving onward and upward wherever we are in life!" Big V, we're so proud of the work you're doing! I continue to spend my



1999: (Left to right) Kylie Warkentien Cuthbertson, Jenny Mason Palmer, Megan Smith Burtch, and Laura Campbell Shook



(Left to right) Ingrid Schmidt '00, Elizabeth-Ann Rowilson '00, Jessica Reiher Sutton '01, Michelle Proses Hoffman '00, and Courtney Hoffberger Riordon '00 in Denver

time chasing kiddos around Denver and being a professional volunteer at their respective schools. Over the summer, **Elizabeth-Ann Rowilson** hosted a mini reunion at her lovely home; **Michelle Proses Hoffman**, who lives outside of Denver, and I joined her when **Ingrid Schmidt** and **Jessica Reiher Sutton '01** came to town. We had a fabulous morning with lots of catching up, reminiscing, and enjoying each other's families. Here's to more meaningful reunions in the coming years!

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Kate Farris Tharin's daughter is in her freshman year at UNC Chapel Hill and her other is a junior in high school. She says it's hard to believe we already have children heading to college since it doesn't seem like it was all that long ago we were in college ourselves! **Angela Arigoni-Mesfioui** is in her 6th year as a principal. Since 2018, she has assisted in the establishment of 2 British Schools in Casablanca, successfully obtaining full accreditation from Cambridge International Assessment Education and British Schools Overseas. She says she achieved this with the invaluable support of a dear friend from Sheffield. Her daughter, Yasmina, is in her senior year and plans to return to the United States to pursue her college education. **Ihssane and Sifeddine** are in Year 5/Grade 4 and are excelling in their studies. Angela says living abroad during the Covid-19 pandemic was challenging, but things have settled down and her family returned to the



Jen Krauss Badgley '02 at a horse show in NY



2002: Margaret Laster Cuthbertson and Marcia Hall

United States in July to visit family on the east coast and go to Disney World! **Jennie Taylor** is in her 9th year as a neuro-oncologist at UCSF in San Francisco. Aside from work, she passed the pandemic time backpacking around CA and the Pacific Northwest with her sister and singing in the choir at a nearby Episcopal church. She has enjoyed exploring Sausalito over the last few years, hopes all is well with her '01 classmates, and would like them to let her know if they're ever in the Bay Area! **Katherine Williams** finished her Doctorate of Medical Science in Physician Associate Studies through the University of Lynchburg. She said it was nice to be back in town and she was able to drop by R-MWC and hit up the bookstore for merch. She has been a physician assistant/associate since graduating from Wake Forest University in 2011, and has been working with Alignment Healthcare as a senior advanced practice clinician since 2018 and is now responsible for patient care across 16 counties in NC. She lives in Raleigh NC and enjoys spending time with **Laura Benning** regularly. She also recently caught up with **Theresa Setty**, "This year has been a challenging one for my family. My husband was diagnosed with cancer in Feb. and has been undergoing treatment since then. We truly appreciate the well wishes we've received from many R-MWC friends. Our kids and work keep us very busy. My son is a freshman in highschool and my daughter is a sixth grader. In addition to school, my son plays the viola in his high school orchestra and is a goalie for his high school JV hockey team. My daughter plays defense for her house hockey team, and is pursuing theater at her middle school. My plate is pretty full right now, but I like to spend any free time I can find reading, listening to my favorite podcasts,



2002: Mila Drewry Brehm and Cheryl deMember Gannaway with their families in Hershey, PA



Margaret Laster Cuthbertson '02 and her family



(Left to right) Amanda Adams Kusterer '04, Rajeena Shakya '04, Ayn Dietrich-Williams '04, Innocentia Afa '04, Carly Torisky '06, and Ness Suffrin '05 celebrated the upcoming arrival of Alaric Hawk.



2004: Sarah-Anne Laster Kielczewski and Bobbi Green O'Brien together in Edinburgh, Scotland

or taking a walk. I've also started to learn to crochet and am working on my first project! I look forward to hearing more about the adventures and accomplishments of the class of 2001. Please share any email or address updates you have and keep in touch." **Lelia Payne Thermitus** reports that she owns Sunshine Marketing Solutions. She also homeschools son Landon, 10. **Reiko Suzuki** (also known as Motoko Oki) recently published her memoir entitled *A Silent Ovation* in which she describes her unique experiences of growing up in a coal mining region during Japan's post-war years, the struggles of women at that time, and the tragedies that befell her family of doctors.



2002: Meredith McMillan, Vikki Guarisco Lucas, Nora Brandon Rossman, and Jennifer Valentine at the Golden Gate Bridge



Ayn Dietrich-Williams '04 and husband Matt welcomed Alaric Hawk.



2004: (Left to right) Morgan Greene Santos, Amy Dameron Brooks, and Liza Sutherland Primeau



(Left to right) Ann Holsberry '65, Brittany Dikcey van Staalduinen '10, Alex Hoening Yakubov '08 (trustee), Julianne Wilson Monroe '63, Ayn Dietrich-Williams '04, and Wenjun Xu '11 gathered in the Bay area

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Congratulations to **Jen Krauss Badgley**! She won the General Counsel Award in 2022, which is the highest award attainable in the Pfizer Legal Division in NYC where she has worked as a Senior Trademark Specialist for the last 15 years doing legal trademark and copyright work. At Pfizer she managed all aspects of the legal clearance and prosecution of trademark applications around the globe for Paxlovid, the antiviral, which now includes managing all the conflict work that comes with the territory of third parties infringing our rights. She also continues to ride horses and compete; noting falling off doesn't get easier in your 40s. **Cheryl deMember Gannaway** and

Mila Drewry Brehm recently met in May in Hershey, PA. Their families explored the caverns and the town of Hershey. Cheryl also continues to be a successful high school social studies teacher going on 21 years and is happily pursuing a second master's degree in classical studies to add to her first master's degree in political science.

Jennifer Valentine, Vikki Guarisco Lucas, Meredith McMillan, and Nora Brandon Rossman enjoyed a fun trip to San Francisco in Apr. spending time dining at fine restaurants like Waterbar and State Bird Provisions, enjoying a sunset catamaran tour, visiting Alcatraz, the science museum, and other points of interests including a Napa Valley wine tour at Paul Hobbs, Ironhorse, and Freeman Winery. Vikki, Jen, and Meredith also regrouped in DC to for yet another dinner at the delectable Red Hen in the Bloomingdale neighborhood of DC. Food and wine with friends can never be wrong! They also look forward to catching up with each other at Jen's annual holiday party where they will also catch up with **Kate Carrigan Houston** who is a loving mother to an adorable son and is living with her husband in DC. **Margaret Laster Cuthbertson** has been busy these days. She visited **Marcia Hall** in Aug. 2022 and plans to meet up again in Oct. In Dec. 2022 Margaret earned a masters in library science from the University of North Carolina at Greensboro. She has been working as a school librarian for 3 years now at a K-2 school in Cabarrus County, NC. This past year (2022-2023) she also served as the president of the North Carolina Reading Association (NCRA) and planned their statewide reading conference in Mar. 2023. Way to go Margaret!

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Amanda Adams Kusterer and **Naomi Ware's** families met up last spring in Walt Disney World. Everyone had a magical time together! **Ayn Dietrich-Williams** and husband Matt expanded their pack with their first human child, Alaric Hawk. Ayn prepared for his arrival by celebrating with Amanda Adams Kusterer, **Rajeena Shakya, Innocentia "Apiye" Afa, and Tarika Sethi** and fellow grads **Carly Torisky '06** and **Ness Sufrin '05**. The baby's 3 dog siblings are excited to introduce him to camping in the evergreen forests as the entire family has relocated back to Seattle. **Morgan Greene Santos, Amy Dameron**



Kathleen Powers Conti '11, son Gio, and her advisor Daina Berry celebrating her graduation

Brooks, and Liza Kate Sutherland Primeau were lucky to meet up in Richmond while Liza was driving through during a family road trip; everyone had a great time reminiscing and catching up! **Sarah-Anne Laster Kielczewski** continues to enjoy living in Scotland with her family and take the chance for outdoor adventures anytime they can. Sarah-Anne and **Bobbi Green O'Brien** met in Edinburgh for a jam-packed 5 hours of catching up! Sarah sends all of her love to her dear R-MWC sisters and is so thankful for all the adventures we had behind the Red Brick Wall! **Kathryn Walker Manari** began her 14th year in the classroom last fall while keeping her 3 children alive (and thriving?) with great help from husband James. She is very much looking forward to attending her 20-year Reunion in May and hopes to see many of her fabulous 2004 classmates there as well; after all, we were the BEST at sliding down the Dell, lazing on the front lawn, and then getting to class on time to learn, challenge, and create!

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Ashley Riggs-White writes, "After 6 months of hard work, in June my husband Danny and I opened a boba tea themed cat café in our hometown. We've partnered with the local humane society & have found homes for 15 cats in our first month!"



Ana Morales Neubaum '10 married James Robert Neubaum in Jan. 2023 in Las Vegas. The wedding was officiated by Bobbi Joe Gardner Wills '09.

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Claire Iseton received a Master's degree in Marine Biology from Texas A&M University at Galveston in 2021. After an 8-year career with Texas Parks and Wildlife Department, she was promoted to team lead of the Ecosystem Resources Assessment Team in 2022, the same year she bought her first house in Houston! **Kristen Fort** is teaching 9th grade English at Charles J. Colgan Sr. High School in Prince William County, VA. **Laura Pennington Briggs** writes, "My fourth book, *Remote Work for Military Spouses*, won the Next Generation Indies 2022 Best Career Book Award, and I completed my first triathlon. Feel free to email me with your notes or any email address updates."

REUNION MAY 16-19, 2024 2009

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Kara Clissold, husband Robert Lang, and son James Lang, 5, welcomed twin boys Matthias Clissold and Dominic Clissold in Jan.'23. This year, her family moved to Hillsborough, NC and Kara is working in research administration providing operational support to biomedical core facilities at the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill. **Jaime Hartless** is an Assistant Professor of Sociology at Farmingdale State College, State University of New York. She recently signed a book contract with NYU press. The book compares allyship in feminism and LGBTQ+ activism. It's tentatively called "Who's Movement Is It Anyway? The Politics of Allyship and Privilege in LGBTQ+ and Feminist Activism." **Ashley Hale Speed**

visited Laura Esty and her new baby Phoebe in June. They went to see Thomas Dambo's *Trolls* at the Coastal Maine Botanical Gardens and had a lovely time together. **Sarah Hassmer** is the director of Housing Justice at the National Woman's Law Center. She went to New Zealand to see the Women's World Cup! **Sarah Martin** is teaching Pre-K-Second Special Education. She is also a MAT graduate of the college. **Grace Clay** graduated with a Masters in Homeland Security last Aug (2022) from Wilmington University. **Tashama Carter Woodberry** is Program Manager at Wall Residences. **Kathryn Hulbert** is now a Certified Child Life Specialist and works in surgery and adaptive care. **Alex Love McKay Jaeger** got married June 5, 2021, to Stephen Randolph Jaeger. It was a small wedding at a local French restaurant followed by a luncheon and after-party at the family farm. **Kim Nesbitt** was there, and Alex wore her class ring on a charm bracelet as part of her something old.

2010

Roxy Torres Medina
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Hi all! It's been a while.. I hope you are well and happy. This Aug I sadly had to miss a mini reunion with the lovely **Alicia DiCola**, **Ashley Jones Roland**, **Kelsey McCune**, **Meghan Kull Basnight**, and **Olivia Travis** in Williamsburg VA. It was the first time all the little ones were together. **Elizabeth Tanner** couldn't make it either because she had just had her first baby! Oh how vacations have changed lately! Thankfully, I got to see the lovely Olivia when she came to visit a couple of weeks later. It was awesome to hear from **Iwalani Martin Rios**, who had her second baby in Jan. She continues to follow her passion for dance, teaching at multiple dance studios in North FL and even winning awards for her choreography. I'd love to hear from the rest of the class. How's life? What has everyone been up to? Can you believe we're in our mid-30s now?! It equally feels like it was yesterday and a lifetime ago that we were behind the red brick wall. **Ana Morales Neubaum** shared that she got married in a 'Til Death themed wedding, in Las Vegas on Jan. 21, '23. The ceremony was officiated by fellow R-MWC alum, **Bobbi Joe Gardner Wills '09**. Ana and James reside in Houston TX.

2011

Raquel Cruz
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In May 2022, **Kathleen Powers Conti** graduated with her PhD in Architecture and

Historic Preservation from the University of Texas at Austin. The same week, she and her husband Matthew Powers also welcomed their son, Giovanni Aloysius Powers and in the fall, they moved to Tallahassee, FL for her to begin her job as an Assistant Professor of History at Florida State University.

2012

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On Oct 1, 2022, **Christina Budd Radley** married her soulmate, Taylor Radley, in a private ceremony witnessed by their 2 dearest friends. They exchanged vows at a replica of the Michael Myers House from the Halloween franchise. The Radley's have been together for nearly a decade, and have adopted 4 cats together! **Andreya Samuel Green** writes, "I got married to Thomas Green Sept. 4th, 2022. It was a beautiful small elopement outside of Vancouver BC Canada."

REUNION MAY 16-19, 2024 2014

Lian Perez
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2015

Samantha Fagone
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Pujan Shrestha finished his Ph.D in mathematics from LSU and is currently residing in Houston as a post-doc in the Translational Cancer Research Group at Texas A&M University Institute of Biosciences and Technology.

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McKinzie Garnett married Jen Lithgow in Dec. 2021 and they welcomed a daughter, Alice



2017: (Left to right) Spencer Matthews, McKinzie Garnett, Mitch MacDonald, and Scott Wilkinson at MacDonald's wedding in 2023

Marie in June 2023. **Mitch MacDonald** married Hope Tanner Aug. 26, 2023. **Scott Wilkinson** married Claudia Riddle Nov. 21, 2022.

2018

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Lindsay Mohler writes, "I was named in a journal article last year for the music therapy field in a social justice issue through one of the the top 2 journals in the field. I was named as a social justice forerunner specifically."

REUNION MAY 16-19, 2024 2019

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2020

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Jennifer Weigle passed the NC Bar Exam and was sworn in as an attorney in NC.

2021-2023

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IN HONOR OF

The 80th birthdays of the 1964 Golden Girls

Harriette Moskowitz Will '64 and Erwin Will

All the Am Sams from 1899 to today

Beth Shinn Kempe '78

Susan Henson Baker '68

Anne Ewing Hickey '68

Cassidy Bell '23

Wendy and Richard Golden

Suzi Nagel Bowman '68

Jane Neblett Tims '68

Holly, Will, Woody and Caroline

Carrington

Hellen Carrington

Jacqueline Clardy-Josephs '23

Heather Legge

R-MWC Class of 1961

Lucy Robertson O'Mara '61

The Great Class of 1958 and its 65th Reunion

Susan & John Klein

Class of 1966

Marion Chenault '66

Class of 1968

Marnie Younker Burke '68

Elizabeth Alexander Harrison '83

Anne Page Shields '68

Class of 1968 Reunion Committee

Lynn Hodge '68

Class of 1973

Cathy Corcoran Bencini '73

Zanaida Griffin '73

Lucy Williams Hooper '73

Margaret Delk Moore '73

Christine Galliford Williamson '73

R-MWC Class of 1977

Anne Roark '77

Laura Caine McCarthy '77

Class of 1977

Katharine Dobbins '77

Barbara Roberts McCarthy '77

Class of 1978

Allison Monsor Pasquesi '78

JoFran Knoeller Santella '78

Class of 1983

Elizabeth Ritter Baumer '83

Stephie Gwaltney Broadwater '83

Martha Capshaw Chamberlin '83

Maribel Peeler Griffon '83

Elizabeth Trevino Mosesman '83

Elizabeth Silver Smith '83

Sara Thompson '83

Rose Troyer '83

For the Reunion of the Class of 1983

Nancy Kelly Bunckick '83

Class of 1993

Jennifer Godley Brestel '93

Class of 1993 Wildcat U

Tina Kirk '93

Anneliott Willis '93

Class of 1997

Jenni Booker Baker '97

Class of 1998

Lisa Ackers '98

Morgane Fisher Diven '98

Jean Hazelwood '98

Class of 2004

Amy Watson '04

Class of 2016

Charlie Gorman Toddammon '16

Stacy DeLano '71

Elizabeth Herbert Cottrell '71

John d'Entremont

Kathleen Powers Conti '11

Alexis Dove '24

Rhonda Dove-Buford

Justin Dula '21

Pete Hamilton '11

Sophia "Scissor" Panuska

Wendy Eldridge-Panuska

English Department

Megan Hodge '04

Genny Bohlmann Evans '68

Carter Kerr Lee '68

Martha Martin Field '56

Frances Taber '71

Marie Foley '77

Melissa Tuttle Fox '77

Hailey Gilman '22

Eileen and Christopher Gilman

Gloria Griffin Godwin '70

Jinny Voris Batterson '69

Clair Golden '25

Wendy and Richard Golden

Lynley Golden '23

Wendy and Richard Golden

Sue-Gray Goller '73

Gwen Felty Huffman '73

Sally Martin Hall '79

Janet Hansen Martinet '79

Susanna Henderson '99

Helen & Ian Henderson

Hermira Hendricks

Nick Marshall Dean '11

James Hoban

Jenni Booker Baker '97

Lucy Williams Hooper '73

Sue-Gray Goller '73

Pam Cole Hunter '50

Kim Peaslee

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Tina and Skip Kughn HA

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Elizabeth Maffey '83

Colleen Cowan Dealy '85

Margaret Davis Shields '83

Janet Hansen Martinet '79

Sally Martin Hall '79

Barbara Niedland McCarthy '73

Sue-Gray Goller '73

Patti McClung '71

Delores Wooten Beggarly '71

Luke Mosley '25

Catherine Mosley

My beloved professors

Mai Dam '15

My Wildcat Girlfriends

Julianne Hoff Casey '93

Margaret Northam '66

Marion Chenault '66

Sue Ott Rowlands

Catherine Mosley

Luke Mosley '26

Mort Sajadian

Harriette Moskowitz Will '64 and Erwin Will

Katie Stewart Page '08

Dani Jamerson '08

Jinx Broaddus Patel '58

Carolyn Reeves Hally '62

Josh Quintero

Heather Legge

Reading Program

Allison Hedgepeth Clock '90

RMWC Friendship Group!

Jane Bellows McCullough '84

Dixie Nash Sakolosky '68

John Sakolosky

Susan Lemly Sardina '70

Michael J. Kearney

Anne Page Shields '68

Tammie Smith Lesesne '68

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Tibetan refugee nuns

Suzanne Bessenger

Kaylie Todd '25

Erin and John Thousand

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Wes Fugate

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Anne Wentworth Brill '68

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Gina Grimes Schwab '68

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Diane Sander Clark '69

Patricia Rocca Harris '69

Georgeann Miller Cook '60

Gail Parks Pusey '60

Meredith Cosby '70

Roz Smith Daniels '70

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Sid Henderson '99

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Annette Jones Carter '63

Elizabeth Dougherty Evett '26

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Frank Gannon

Carolyn Burgess Featheringill '69

Anna Simmons Gainer '72

Don Giles

Hylan Thomas Hubbard

Jane Sonne Hadden '70

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Carla Heath

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Catherine Lockard Hoke '55

Nancy Meintzer Rice '55

Martha Walling Howard '37

June Rutledge Heintz '66

Harriet D. Hudson

Barbara Quarles '63

Margaret Ellis Johnson '31

Willard Johnson

Chris Kenyon '77

Debbie Randall Bowie '77

Jane Robinson Kimbell '68

Wendy Johnson Rodde '

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Lee Brammer May '80

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Becky Pardo Ruffin '80

Justin McCarthy

Sue-Gray Goller '73

Elizabeth Holmes McConahy '45

Randall McConahy Gerbino '70

Margaret Ayres McFadden '59

Susan Dinwiddie Cline '59

Ann Hornthal Merlo '59

Robert Meade

Agnes Thorne Harvin '71

Pat FitzHugh Michal '48

Ann Beatty '74

Adele Michal '74

Deaven Milam '22

Susan and Ronald Ayers

Madeline Miller '66

Rogers Roseberry Barde '66

Mildred Houseman Morgan

Lesley Morgan '75

Elizabeth Berry-Mosley '71

Rinn Turner Addison '71

Susan Mullin '93

Diane Williams Kephart '93

Erin Mulligan Przybylinski '93

Kobra Ahmadi Nader '10

Shahriar Abbassi

Brooke Jamerson Barbieri '10

Jim Duffy

Christina Hua '11

Gerald Jones

Libba Tankard Neal '58

Dana Murphy '89

Ann Smallman Neighbors '51

Evelyn Coley Puckett '70

Dorothy Lipps Nelson '90

Kim Wornom-Hicks '90

Anna Griswold Nichols '51

Dot Sutherland Etchison '51

Kim Charlton Spears '51

Margaret Norris

Laura Norris Robinson '80

Jean McKenzie Oast '53

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Florence Barnick

Annah Eberwine Cross '57 and J. Parker

Cross, Jr.

Katherine Cross

Russell Bradford Guerry '53

Jean Cornthwaite Hanbury '56

Julia Dorsey Reed Loomis '67

Katherine Clay Willis '89

Cynthia Kramer Paris '86

Mary Frances Jaap Bellman '86

Julie Cox '86

Mary Ellzey Davis '86

Heather Ayers Garnett '86

Ruth Moyers Hallman '86

Alison Smith Kosnett '86

Laura Lee Lanier '86

Sharon Smith McClellan '86

Caro Ward Miguelez '86

Sandy Doran Rogelberg '86

Nancy Fraser Pearson '56

Patsy Terry Nance '56

Margaret Pertzoff

Judy Bowles Henry '73

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Phyllis Thayer Rogers '57

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Elaine Dahl St. Vincent HA

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Belmore Hicks Bridgford '54

Bruce Koolage Forsberg '56

Alexander McConnell

Phuong Tran '15

Katie Hill Vaden '72

Roger Vaden

Jane Foster Wacaster '63

Shanda Kiser Horner '63

Mabel K. Whiteside

Betty Anne Raney Copeland '54

Beth Disharoon Wilgis '79

Kee Hood Marshall '79

Mary Frances Williams

Judy Bowles Henry '73

Sajjad & Masiha Yusuf

Afreen Yusuf Gootee '87

Dorothy Harris Zehmer '58

Ginger Hood Scott '58 & Tom Scott

* HA denotes Honorary Alumna or Alumnus

IN MEMORIAM

ALUMNAE AND ALUMNI DEATHS

Listing includes notifications received by the College as of August 31, 2023

1942	Doris Bealer Mayer	3/13/2023
1944	Catherine Bland Lassit	7/4/2023
1945	Martha Jane Colvert Evans	3/10/2023
1946	Virginia Honeycutt Meador	7/29/2023
1946	Louisa Dawson Smucker	6/16/2023
1946	Jo Alice Wynne Tomforde	6/1/2023
1948	Elizabeth Hopkins Heinmiller	3/30/2023
1949	Ann Long Elmore	8/19/2023
1949	Marjorie Danielson Kowalski	7/9/2023
1949	Mary Lynn Pate	2/6/2023
1950	Anne Whitehead Buford	3/10/2022
1950	Jo Ann Mallory Dean	3/14/2023
1950	Lou Miller Driver	8/15/2023
1950	June Runyan Riddick	12/6/2020
1951	Anna Griswold Nichols	2/27/2023
1952	Carolyn Wiley Humphris	1/11/2023
1952	Betty Barton Thomas	2/27/2023
1953	Mary Petty Morgan	2/2/2023
1953	Jean McKenzie Oast	3/2/2023
1954	Joanne Berner Shearer	6/29/2023
1955	Nancy Shults Flippen	2/11/2023
1955	Ann Shannonhouse Glover	2/7/2023
1955	Catherine Lockard Hoke	4/2/2023
1955	Peggy Magee Metcalfe	4/10/2023
1955	Ann Duckett Reed	6/5/2023
1955	Patricia Laughbaum Wallace	2/24/2023
1955	Doris Harris Warlick	3/13/2023
1956	Diane Hamilton Boynton	10/13/2021
1956	Ann Todd Frase	3/27/2023
1956	Carter Smith Pollard	8/5/2023
1956	Mary Quinn Wilson	8/17/2023

1956	Joan Firkins Wobst	2/26/2023
1956	Lysabeth Hogan Wood	2/26/2023
1957	Kay Hogan Fischer	5/10/2023
1957	Joyce Bass Henley	7/11/2023
1957	Phyllis Thayer Rogers	11/20/2019
1957	Mary Glen Boyd Taylor	6/16/2023
1958	Madelon Anderson Williams	8/14/2011
1959	Jane Haile Dawkins	10/24/2022
1959	Nancy Shepard Erickson	7/16/2023
1959	Margaret Ayres McFadden	6/17/2023
1960	Margret Ann Comer	5/3/2023
1960	Sandra Knight Kezar	5/26/2021
1960	Elizabeth Smith Kirkland	7/8/2023
1961	Martha Burns Kollme	4/12/2023
1961	Joy Mitchell Price	9/11/2023
1962	Annesley Kean Schmidt	1/14/2023
1963	Kathryn Chapman Dunn	3/24/2023
1963	Helen Holmes Ellis	4/13/2023
1964	Toni Kratt	2/26/2023
1964	Caroline Taylor Lawton	1/1/2014
1965	Martha Ludwig Roberts	4/11/2023
1966	Ann Gordon Jenkins Guckert	5/27/2021
1967	Mary Lynne Jarrell Calhoun	5/21/2023
1968	Renee Renka Alexander	2/16/2023
1968	Jessica Drew Getzel	
1969	Cathy Graves Oechsler	1/2/2023
1970	Katherine McElroy Vincent	6/19/2022
1971	Jane Sonne Hadden	6/7/2023
1971	Susan Witter	5/17/2023
1972	Charlynn Bennett	2/23/2023
1977	Larry Peters	3/8/2023
1977	Liz Surgener	6/1/2023
1979	Beth Disharoon Wilgis	1/1/2023
1982	Tammy Kidd Kincaid	2/19/2023
1984	Jane McFarland Garrett	1/2/2023
1986	Susan Barbre	
1986	Elizabeth Espino	3/22/2021

1986	Kay Redmond Teague	8/23/2023
1988	Kristen Cox	2/24/2022
1989	Katsuyo Ikegami Robinson	5/12/2022
2010	Kathleen Tyler Walker	8/8/2023

ALUMNAE AND ALUMNI FAMILY DEATHS

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1951	Spouse of Ann Nowell Evans	
	John Evans	1/5/2023
1958	Spouse of Antonia Scott Day	
	George Helland Jr	2/24/2023
1959	Brother of Susan Dinwiddie Cline	
	Edward Dinwiddie	3/12/2023
1959	Spouse of Betty Day Dinwiddie	
	Edward Dinwiddie	3/12/2023
1959	Grandson of Harriet Jones Whitten	
	Paul Bowen	3/4/2023
1959	Husband of June Mitchell Pankey	
	Kenneth Pankey	3/4/2022
1959	Sister of June Mitchell Pankey	
	Joy Mitchell Price	9/11/2023
1960	Daughter of Dana Davidson Redmond	
	Kay Redmond Teague	8/23/2023
1961	Husband of Marion Love Farmer	
	James Farmer	06/12/2022
1962	Husband of Sandy Bailey Kirkpatrick	
	David Kirkpatrick	8/27/2022
1964	Spouse of Martha Bagby Barefoot	
	John Barefoot	4/11/2023
1965	Brother of Lois Combs Weinberg	
	Thomas Combs	2/19/2023

IN MEMORIAM

1965	Husband of Linda Rhodes Omohundro Richard Omohundro	7/22/2022
1968	Spouse of Judith Guthrow Bush James Bush	9/28/2021
1968	Husband of Geri Long Cecil Lamar Cecil	7/16/2023
1969	Husband of Lucy Lacoste Tony Munroe	6/6/2023
1970	Husband of Barbara Bishop Gordon John Gordon	4/17/2023
1970	Husband of Cathy Tucker Slaterback Robert Slaterback	11/5/2022
1971	Father of Karen Russell Richard Russell Jr	1/1/2023
1972	Mother of Laura Bullock Crumley Margaret Bullock	2/11/2023
1973	Stepfather of Barbara Niedland McCarthy Justin McCarthy	7/31/2023
1975	Father of Renee Brockinton Arthur Ravenel	1/16/2023
1977	Mother of Sara Driver Lou Miller Driver '50	8/15/2023
1981	Parent of Janet Galbraith Barrett Alex Galbraith	7/7/2022
1981	Parent of Janet Hailey Richard Hailey	2/11/2022
1981	Parent of Joyce Ellis Traywick Urchie Ellis	2/13/2023
1981	Father of Martha Disharoon Wright '81 Leslie Disharoon	4/18/2023
1981	Sister of Martha Disharoon Wright '81 Beth Disharoon Wilgis	1/1/2023
1983	Mother of Martha Frase Ann Todd Frase '56	3/27/2023
1985	Mother of Kathrine Johnson McMahon Sarah Ann Johnson	12/14/2022

1985	Father of Kathrine Johnson McMahon Lawrence Johnson	1/1/2023
1985	Parent of Pamela Stallsmith William Stallsmith	7/28/2023
1986	Father of Anne Dinwiddie Edward Dinwiddie	3/12/2023
1986	Spouse of Julianna Iles Gahn Robert Gahn	5/19/2023
1986	Parent of Elizabeth Loomis Stillman Loomis	1/23/2023
1986	Mother of Margaret Glover Schrimsher Ann Shannonhouse Glover '55	2/7/2023
1987	Mother of Kim Kaufman Campbell Linda Rayne	1/4/2023
1987	Stepmother of Kim Kaufman Campbell Judith Kaufman	11/26/2021
1987	Father of Courtney Johnson Hoff Lawrence Johnson	1/1/2023
1987	Mother of Courtney Johnson Hoff Sarah Ann Johnson	12/24/2022
1987	Sister of Holly Redmond Spiller Kay Redmond Teague	8/23/2023
1987	Parent of Sara Melton Moreno Lewis Melton	10/3/2022
1988	Mother of Ann Sanders Jennings Alice Sanders	6/25/2022
1988	Mother of Kirsten Johnson White Sarah Ann Johnson	12/14/2022
1989	Parent of Ann Whitlock James Whitlock	10/10/2022
1992	Parent of Julie Blaine Waugh Edward Blaine	7/15/2022
1993	Son of Melissa Buettner Bartenslager Jeb Bartenslager	3/17/2020
1993	Parent of Elizabeth Horton Rosemeyer Joe Horton	7/25/2023

1995	Parent of Carrie Lewis Harris Clifton Lewis	8/20/2022
1996	Mother of Gabrielle Ballantine Anne Ballentine	2/2/2022
1996	Parent of Cristen Hackenbracht Dodd Cheryl Hackenbracht	3/4/2023
1996	Parent of Carrie Hackenbracht Wilvert Cheryl Hackenbracht	3/4/2023
1999	Spouse of Megan Smith Burtch James Burtch	4/19/2023
2002	Parent of Dayna Rupp Richard Rupp	9/26/2022
2007	Aunt of Courtney Wells Ruiz Cheryl Hackenbracht	3/4/2023
2013	Parent of Samantha Wittie Mary Neary Wittie	4/14/2022
2018	Parent of Noah Brookshire Amanda Brookshire	3/9/2023

COLLEGE FAMILY DEATHS

Listing includes notifications received by the College between 2/14/2023 and 8/31/2023

Barbara Betenbaugh	8/19/2023
Leslie Disharoon	4/18/2023
Martha Driver	8/15/2023
Dona Flint	5/17/2023
Cheryl Hackenbracht	3/4/2023
Fumiko Radile	7/7/2023
Barbara Thrasher	7/11/2023

LESLIE BENJAMIN DISHAROON

Leslie Benjamin Disharoon, 90, of Charlottesville, VA, died at his home on April 18, 2023. Les spent his professional career in the life insurance business. He retired in 1988 as chairman, president, and CEO of Monumental Corporation, where he served from 1977 to 1988. Les served on the R-MWC Board of Trustees from 1986 to 1989. In addition to his R-MWC service, he served as board chairman of Goucher College and Johns Hopkins Health System Endowment Inc., and was also on the boards of Johns Hopkins Hospital, and the UVA Student Aid Foundation. Les and his family supported the Maier Museum of Art at Randolph College through the Sally Oglesby Disharoon 1916 Fund named for his mother.

MARTHA "LOU" DRIVER '50

Martha "Lou" Driver '50, of Providence, NJ died on August 15, 2023 at the age of 94. A Phi Beta Kappa graduate of R-MWC, she served on the Board of Trustees from 1996 to 2001. She was one of the first women to be admitted for graduate work at UVA and earned a master's degree in political science in 1952. After getting a teaching certificate from Union County Community College, she earned her MBA from Fordham University and became an analyst and investment banker for Teachers Insurance and Annuity Association of America-College Retirement Equities Fund. Lou and family were loyal supporters of the College's scholarship program through the Driver Family Scholarship and created a special fund, the Sara Driver '77 Digital Filmmaking Course and Lecture Series to support the College's film studies program.



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