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If you’ve perused a college handbook or website recently, you’ve probably noticed some new buzzwords: Engaged Learning. Community-Based Research. High-Impact Educational Practices.

These terms describe opportunities that are already familiar to Gettysburgians: one-on-one research with faculty, discussion-based seminars, study abroad, career development experiences, or service-learning.

That’s because engaged learning and high-impact educational practices have always been part of the Gettysburg experience.

Now, as technologies and pedagogies change, we’re exploring new ways to expand these opportunities and make them available to even more students.

For example, in 2012 Gettysburg received $1.3 million from the Howard Hughes Medical Institute to enrich our science curriculum with an innovative, interdisciplinary approach (see the fall 2012 issue of Gettysburg). In one of the grant’s foundational courses, Phage Biology, first-year students isolate, purify, and sequence DNA—conducting lab work here at Gettysburg that contributes to a national research project on viral genomes. Recently, researchers found that Phage Biology improves both student achievement and retention in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM). Thus, as industry leaders demand more STEM-trained graduates, courses like Phage Biology are putting Gettysburg students on this path and helping them succeed.

Another program that enhances our students’ first-year experience was launched on a pilot basis in fall 2011. Gettysburg’s Burg program houses first-year seminar students in residence halls devoted to a common intellectual theme. Students in these Burgs take field trips, screen films, sponsor speakers, and hold discussions that merge coursework, current events, and personal interests. While this concept seems simple, the outcome is striking: Burg participation increases opportunities for conversation with faculty and staff, intellectual discussions outside the classroom, diverse peer interactions, and attendance at campus lectures and cultural events. Burg students also better understand Gettysburg’s academic and social offerings, and they are more positive about their College experience.

Phage Biology and the Burg program exemplify rich opportunities for deeper learning that are possible in Gettysburg’s residential liberal arts context. As you read about the Sunderman Conservatory’s trip to China, EI’s Environmental Leadership Program, or Rebecca Croog’s quinoa research, you’ll see additional examples of how engaged learning makes Gettysburg Great.

Enjoy!

Janet Morgan Riggs ’77
President

Immersed in environmental policy
Students in The Eisenhower Institute’s Environmental Leadership Program go to great lengths—and depths—to understand environmental policy.

East meets West
Winds to the East: the Sunderman Conservatory of Music’s Wind Symphony had its first international performance tour.

Gifts that made Gettysburg College what it is today
Gifts—whether strategic or seemingly serendipitous—have helped propel the College along a distinctive path.

The President’s office
Peek into Penn Hall, third floor west.
“I think it’s important to get out in the world and understand the effects of global systems.”

Rebecca Croog ’14 was looking for an education and experience. The environmental studies and Latin American Studies double major said she chose Gettysburg because she “wanted an academic experience that cultivated curiosity.”

During her first year, Croog decided to learn Spanish by going to Guatemala for the summer. She learned about U.S.-Central American relations and spent time in farming communities. “I realized agriculture was a way I could bring my two majors together,” she said. When she returned, Croog and a friend found a farm near the College where they could join in a work-share program—volunteering labor in exchange for vegetables. By the end of the summer, she knew she wanted to study abroad for an entire year. She spent the fall of her junior year in Bolivia and the spring in Cuba.

“I went to Bolivia because I was fascinated by their current political and social transition, but once I got there, I realized a direct personal connection that I wanted to research further,” said Croog. “That personal connection? Quinoa. Bolivia is the number one producer of quinoa and the United States is the number one consumer,” said Croog. “I eat quinoa almost every day. I wanted my research experience in Bolivia to be an opportunity to do what most quinoa eaters cannot—to discover the other side of my daily portion of quinoa.” She focused her senior capstone project on the worldwide quinoa boom and the history of agriculture in Bolivia, shown through one community’s experience. While in Cuba, Croog became interested in urban agriculture, an interest that she brought back to a project about Baltimore’s urban agriculture. She hopes to continue urban agriculture research in a graduate program. “I will have to keep exploring these research questions in different ways,” Croog said. “That element of experiential learning—getting your hands dirty—that’s what I look forward to. In the United States, we have our ideas of what development and progress should look like. Some of these places with rich histories of protest and mobilization show you the flaws in systems and ways to improve.”

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I finished my undergrad studies at a liberal arts college with a 3.94 GPA and a psychology minor, yet I did not know what I wanted to do thereafter. I began voraciously consuming everything I could find on Gandhi while I worked in after-school programs in New York City. One day, I literally Googled the words “education” and “peace” online and found a peace education program at Columbia University. That was my “aha moment.” I wanted that program and nothing else! After being turned down three times for the doctoral program, I finally got accepted. Through the rejections, I kept a firm gaze on my personal prize: enacting social change in the field of education. Gandhi’s guidance to be the change you wish to see in the world is the aperture, global the view.
What makes a great...Zoo?

Zoos have evolved from entertainment venues to a veritable ark, where species facing extinction have one last refuge. Those animals serve as ambassadors for their species and hopefully inspire visitors toward conservation actions.

Once you have seen a rhino playing in his exhibit with his soccer ball, you will be emotionally impacted when you hear that his wild relatives are being slaughtered for their horns at an alarming rate.

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The San Francisco Zoo has a number of conservation projects in which it is involved, providing financial support for a number of in situ conservation projects for species in houses and helping to raise awareness about their status in the wild. The zoo restores native habitat in San Francisco for local species, promotes resource management through composting and recycling projects, and maintains a demonstration garden for sustainable gardening practices in the Bay Area. In addition, the San Francisco Zoo has worked on local animal conservation projects such as the very successful bald eagle breeding program, which released more than 100 bald eagles into the wild (remember "Stephen Jr." from the Colbert Report!).

My job in the education and conservation department at the San Francisco Zoo is to help carry out the zoo’s mission, “to connect people with wildlife, inspire caring for nature, and advance conservation action.” Those exciting programs are just a few of the things that I get to be involved with, and it is certainly an amazing and inspiring place to work!

Anne Elefterakis ’99 began working in the education office at the San Francisco Zoo in 2005 and now assists both the executive director as well as the vice president of education and conservation. She resides in San Francisco with her husband and her Boston Terrier.
Snapshots

Art acquisition
Students gain more firsthand access to works of art and curatorial opportunities thanks to an endowment for art acquisition established by history Prof. Michael Birknner ’72 and Robin Wagner P’10, dean of the library. The first purchase was Exodus of Confederates from Atlanta by artist Kara Walker.

Fido: Should I stay or should I go?
Fido? Stand my ground? Let someone come closer? Biology Prof. Kathryn Lord studies evolutionary and developmental behavior in dogs and wolves. She and her students looked into the subset of “wolf” and the clues that barks give.

“Mathematics is definitive”
Ryan Matzke ’15 said, “If you prove it, then it’s true.” For proof that the mathematics major, physics minor, Bullets runner, and Goldwater Scholar is one of the nation’s top undergrads in the study of Graph Theory and Edge Security Numbers, read more online.

Fisht to film
Geno McDermott ’08 went from commercial fishing to film production. Now the CEO of BLACKFIN Productions has Animal Planet’s Cold River Cash reality series about seal fishing in Maine to his credit, and shows for the History and Discovery channels.

Swimmers win big
The men’s swimming team cruised to the Centennial Conference title for the fourth year in a row, out-scoring Dickinson College 702–853 to win by 204 points. Four swimmers competed at the NCAA Division III championships in Indiana, closing out the season with a 16th place finish, while capturing five All-America honors.

Voice of experience

Public information

Public history

Only a few people have access to the government’s best-kept secrets, said David Fort ‘00. Fort works for the U.S. National Archives and Records Administration (NARA) as deputy director of the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA)/(MDR) Mandatory Declassification Review Division of the National Declassification Center (NDC).

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Leap of the century

On May 23, 1914, Bostock turned in one of the greatest individual efforts in the history of Gettysburg College athletics. The track star won three events in a dual meet with Bucknell University at Nixon Field, including a school record-setting leap of 23 feet, 3.5 inches in the long jump. That mark still stands today, making it one of the longest-standing track and field records in the nation.

Technically, the native of Wilmerding, Pennsylvania, wasn’t even a College student yet. He was enrolled in the preparatory school, but like legendary baseball player Eddie Plank before him, he was so talented he was asked to participate on the varsity team. The month prior to his record-setting display against Bucknell, Bostock helped Gettysburg claim its first title at the Penn Relay Carnival. It would take twenty-eight years before another team of Bullets won there.

Bostock enrolled as a freshman at Gettysburg in the fall of 1914. He competed on the varsity basketball team and honed his skills on the track by running in an indoor meet hosted by Johns Hopkins University. During the outdoor season, Bostock grabbed the spotlight once again, smashing school records left and right. At the Middle Atlantic Intercollegiate Track and Field Carnival hosted by Haverford College, he set conference records in the 100- and 220-yard dashes and claimed the top prize in the long jump.

His success led to high praise from the editors at the Gettysburgian: “It is proper then that we take off our hats to the man who has, by his individual work, brought such honor to Gettysburg.” Unfortunately, that was the end of Bostock’s time at Gettysburg. Despite being listed as team captain in the Gettysburgian throughout the fall of 1915, the track preview in March 1916 lamented his absence: “Howard Bostock will be greatly missed in the sprints.”

According to historical records, Bostock was working as a rancher in Weston, Wyoming, when he registered for World War I in 1917. He returned to western Pennsylvania at some point following the war to work in the steel mills. According to the 1956 alumni directory, he was living in Florida, which is where he passed away in 1972.

Bostock finished his collegiate career holding individual records in the 100-yard dash (9.8 seconds), 220-yard dash (21.4 seconds), the 440-yard dash (52.8 seconds), and the long jump (23 feet, 3.5 inches). Only the long jump record stands.

One individual has come within a foot of the record. Sophomore David Kaiser, the 2013 Centennial Conference Outdoor Field Athlete of the Year, cleared a season-long 22 feet, 7 inches—8.5 inches shy of Bostock—at the conference championships.

“Howard Bostock’s record is really quite impressive and amazing, not only considering the time period in which it was achieved,” said head track and field coach Aubrey Shenk, “but also in the fact that it has stood the test of time more than any other track and field record at Gettysburg College.”

— by Corey Jewart

The Trustee 360 Challenge

Why I give

The Trustee 360 Challenge reminds me of how my scholarship to Gettysburg was funded. I’d like to GIVE back so some other student can attend G-burg!

Lyndsey Piecyk ’09
Students research the origins of autism

Dr. Carolyn Salafia, P’16, mother of sophomore Claire Alexander, is researching the existence of links between autism and placenta by examining early biomarkers of Autism Spectrum Disorder in the placenta. The hope is that this research could lead to the earlier diagnosis and treatment of autism.

“Through the College’s Center for Career Development (CCD) Salafia provided internships for Elizabeth Andresen ’14, Carly Strezes ’14, Krupa Patel ’15, and Hannah Collins ’16. The four scoured patient charts to retrieve information, attended presentations on research in the field, and met with Salafia on a weekly basis.

Professional experiences
“Most of my time was spent conducting research; however, I was also able to shadow a developmental pediatrician, a clinical psychologist, a pathologist, and a neonatologist,” said Andresen, a music and psychology major.

“Pediatrician, a clinical psychologist, and a pathologist,” said Patel, a biochemistry and molecular biology major.

The CCD ensures that internship opportunities are available to all students, no matter their class year. “Internships are a great way to gain experience and figure out what you enjoy doing,” Collins, a sophomore, said.

Lasting impressions
“One of my favorite memories from mentoring Gettysburg College students is the fact that so many coworkers asked me not only if the students were coming back, but how soon,” Salafia said. All of the students recommended taking advantage of the internship opportunities provided by the CCD and the connections with Gettysburg alumni and parents. “These mentors clearly have a love for the College and want to do everything in their power to make the experience a wonderful one,” Patel said.

—Iby Samantha Gagliano ’14

Understanding autism

Prof. Matthew Kittelberger’s research in neurobiology looks at how behavior is dynamically driven by circuits of neurons within the brain. He was instrumental in setting up the internships with Dr. Salafia. Kittelberger’s first-year seminar, Autism: Facts, Myths, and Controversies, explored the psychology and biology of autism and the myths that persist in society about the mystifying disorder. The reading list includes:

• Thinking in Pictures: My Life with Autism by Temple Grandin
• Autism: Explaining the Enigma (second edition) by Uta Frith
• Autism’s False Prophets: Bad Science, Risky Medicine, and the Search for a Cure by Paul A. Offit
• The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time by Mark Haddon
• Unstrange Minds: Remapping the World of Autism by Roy Richard Grinker

To provide a career exploration experience, contact the Center for Career Development at career@gettysburg.edu or 717-337-6616 to learn about the Career Connector Challenge.

—by Samantha Gagliano ’14

Horace, a gambler, lawyer— the stories of Wyatt Earp bring the Wild West to life. Scott Dyke ’65 is considered an expert on Wyatt Earp and the shootout at O.K. Corral, the gunsight that captures the imaginations and blurs the lines between the good guys and bad guys of the American West.

Dyke credits his grandmother for his interest in the Old West. “She grew up in Oklahoma and she remembers, or claims she remembers, Jesse James robbing a bank not too far from where she lived,” he said.

Retired from a career in investing and finance, Dyke lectures on the Old West across the country and writes a column, “Meandering the Mesquite,” published in various national magazines, including Wild West Magazine.

“I had this yearning to understand what it was like to live 150 years ago in the West. The topography out here hasn’t changed a whit. The deserts are the same; the mountains are the same,” Dyke said. “You can get out in these areas where there is no one else around, you can really get a sense and a feel for it. Very few places are the same as they were back then, and to me, it’s just really invigorating to grasp all of that.”

He said Gettysburg honed his appreciation for history, while also motivating him to take full advantage of historical spaces. “The Civil War shaped the character of the Old West and the people it attracted.”

—by Kasey Varner ’14

The West is full of good guys and bad guys who had their essence lost during the Civil War. Settlers were displaced and went out West. Both knew how to kill and get over any problems they had with doing it. Mix that with law and order, whiskey, and a few women to fight over, and you have the Old West.”

Dyke met his wife, Alice Maguth Dyke ’65 while both were students at Gettysburg. She said one of her favorite aspects of her husband’s work is oral history, which he features in his column.

“He’s interviewed movie stars, athletes, politicians, and military personnel, all of whom have done some really interesting things,” she said.

“I’ll feel like a kid in a candy store over the past twenty years,” Scott Dyke said. “My appreciation of history that’s been honed by Gettysburg has really been satisfied out here. It’s been a hell of a trip so far and I’ve enjoyed every minute of it. And I’m not even close to being done yet.”

—by Kasey Varner ’14
It’s possible that senior leadership may not have read your résumé or may have glanced at it ten minutes before the meeting. Be prepared to come in with accomplishments that map to the role you’re looking to get and the company itself, and examples of your experience to back it up. “Also of important note: it’s never just them interviewing you. You’re interviewing them as well.”

(To the full text of Lauren’s insights can be found in the comments section under “Art of the interview” online.)

Our “Turning the tables” feature turned up other alums who are finding happiness on a road less travelled. Shannon Sweitzer Jones ’04 wrote: “After reading in the most recent issue of Gettysburg magazine about alums working off the beaten path, I thought I’d take a moment and share some of our recent press.

Jasen Jones ’04 and I are two of three partners who founded the Dashing Rogue, a company that provides in-home beer pairing dinner parties. We also have a weekly podcast (on our website and iTunes) with over 10,000 listeners in 20+ countries, as well as a website that features recipes and beer pairing ideas, beer reviews, and blogs.”

On social media

On Facebook and Twitter, snow was a dominant theme during the relentless winter of 2014. In fact, a picture of Glatfelter Hall even made it into a photo gallery on The Daily Beast. Here are some comments from the series of wintry posts:

“I loved sitting in a library window seat watching the snow fall. No amount of snow ever shut down the campus,” said Karin Johnson Rontos ’88.

Chris Caruso Zim ’64 commented, “The cafe used to hand out plastic trays and we would ‘sled’ down the stairs at the chem building during a couple of the big snows they had while I was there…”

“I love seeing Penn Hall in the snow!” said Dan Long ’95.

A question asked by Jacob Henkoff ’11 (below) on Inside the Actors Studio prompted a duet by Neil Patrick Harris and Jason Segal, which quickly went viral.

The College was named a “Best Value College for 2014” by the Princeton Review. Laury Baty ’76 commented, “Great news! Glad I’m a ‘Burgian.”

Ken Montgomery ’84 wrote on LinkedIn: “As a junior or senior in high school...I did not know for sure what I wanted to be when I grew up …. I now know, more than ever, that a liberal arts education at Gettysburg College was the perfect fit. This world will again be very different in another four years— who knows what will be ‘hot!’ It is only logical to provide as many options as possible for ourselves.”

And in the news

“I couldn’t have asked for better preparation for my career and life,” said President Janet Morgan Riggs ’77 in an op-ed on the value of a liberal arts education that appeared in The Huffington Post. Lisa Gensel ’97 commented, “I love this. Time and again, I marvel at the privilege I had in attending Gettysburg, and the way I was stretched and challenged and made into more of the person I was always supposed to be. My liberal arts education at Gettysburg has been a huge blessing.”

Prof. Allen Guelzo appeared on NBC’s Meet the Press to talk about Lincoln’s legacy and was quoted in a Washington Post op-ed “Martin Luther King Jr. and the catalyst of change.”

The tell-all book written by former Secretary of Defense Robert Gates prompted Prof. Shirley Anne Warshaw to write an op-ed that appeared in the Harrietsburg Patriot News. “Brutised egos should not lead to tell-all books,” said Warshaw.

Career experiences help humanities majors stay relevant, wrote Kasey Varner ’14, a USA TODAY college contributing writer. To a cross-post on LinkedIn, College Trustee Stephen Mahinka P’10 commented, “This is a most impressive piece. Very well written and presented. A credit not only to the author but also to Gettysburg College…”

Gettysburg College and Philadelphia Futures were cited as “Educational Superpowers” by the Harlem Times in a story about the strategic partnership the two organizations formed in 2001.

“Putting a human face on the minimum wage” was the subject of an opinion editorial by Prof. Christopher Fee. The piece appeared in the Wall Street Journal’s Marketwatch.

Fae. Gretchen Carlson Natter, assistant dean of College Life; and President Riggs each penned opinion editorials that appeared in the Huffington Post in conjunction with National Volunteer Week.

The winning philosophy of Chicago Cubs infielder Ernie Banks figured into commentary by Prof. Steve Gimbel, which appeared in The Baltimore Sun on baseball’s opening day. On April Fool’s Day, U.S.A. Today ran Gimbel’s piece on jokes and their function in society.

Keep the Conversations going on the College’s Facebook, LinkedIn, or Twitter accounts or send a note to alumnimagazine@gettysburg.edu.

Conversations
**Immersion in environmental policy**

Ken Mott P’07, professor of political science and the former Harold G. Evans Chair of Eisenhower Leadership Studies, has a bone to pick with undergraduate public policy programs. “What bothers me about most programs is that they have no true academic content, and their students invariably play a passive role as spectators at talks.”

But take the eleven students who found themselves not only immersed in environmental policy—but also in the Bullets Pool. Besides months of classroom sessions on public policy issues and their individual research projects, the group took scuba training to prepare for their spring break assignment: to conduct the first-ever sustainability study on the Caribbean island of Bonaire.

The Environmental Leadership Program (ELP) is one of five Expert-in-Residence programs at Gettysburg College’s Eisenhower Institute. Now in its fourth year, the ELP is led by Dr. Howard Ernst, Seiden-Levi Fellow of Public Policy, senior scholar at the University of Virginia’s Center for Politics, political science professor at the United States Naval Academy, and widely-published expert on environmental policy and politics.
The ELP attracts students from a variety of majors, backgrounds, and professional ambitions—and with only ten to twelve openings each year, it is highly competitive. "I’m always impressed with the students at Gettysburg College,” said Ernst. "There is a waiting list of students to participate in the program through they get no academic credit. They’re interested in the topic, and want to advance their academic studies and prepare for that next level of their career.”

During the fall semester, students meet with Ernst to develop an academic foundation in topics such as sustainability, environmental economics, market failure, and environmental policy. In the spring, they conduct individual research and plan for their culminating experience—a weeklong immersion trip over spring break.

Over the past three years, participants have traveled to Washington, D.C. to learn about environmental leadership from policymakers and conservationists; to southern Florida to study water pollution with those working to restore the South Florida Everglades and the Loxahatchee River; and to New Orleans to observe post-Katrina reconstruction efforts and discuss the BP oil spill and environmental security issues with scientists, activists, and lawyers. These experiences provide students knowledge, skills in organization and planning, wide-ranging perspectives, and networking and career opportunities.

The program theme for 2013-2014 was “environmental sustainability,” culminating with a trip to Bonaire in March. The fall’s classroom sessions explored the meaning of sustainability, and students examined case studies in sustainable economics, business practices, communities, buildings, and designs. Each student researched one component of sustainability on the island—including its governance, food issues, salt production industry, transportation needs, waste and recycling practices, imports and exports, and energy needs—and organized interviews with experts on the island.

The group’s sustainability study also included an assessment of Bonaire’s tourism industry, which creates primarily for tourists seeking to explore its easily accessible coral reef. This portion of the study is particularly timely, as Ernst’s forthcoming book from Johns Hopkins University Press focuses on coral reef management.

ELP participants excel the value of Ernst’s expertise. "Dr. Ernst brings real-world insight into the program and a slightly different viewpoint than what we receive in class,” says Athena Mandroso ’14. "Working with someone who has hands-on experience in policy provides unique insight on why certain marketing and advocacy tactics work and why others don’t.”

By providing what The Eisenhower Institute’s Executive Director Jeffrey Blavatt ’88 calls “interactive learning with a purpose,” Ernst and the Institute’s other Experts-In-Residence help students expand upon what they learn in the classroom.

Jessica Zupancic ’14, an environmental studies major and business minor, highlighted the program’s impact on her—both as a student and as a scientist. "With new perspectives and greater awareness of the current issues, I am better able to ask questions and contribute during class discussion,” she said. "One of the largest take-home messages that has stuck with me was the idea that as a member of the science community, it is not simply enough for me to just ‘do’ science; I need to work to bring greater public awareness to what I have learned.”

Physics major Alex Indelicato ’15 agreed. "I chose to apply for this program because I have a strong interest in the environment and global issues,” he said. "The ELP has allowed me to learn more about sustainable energy. I can apply it to physics and engineering.”

Many of the program’s alumni have translated their experiences into careers. Valerie Leone ’13 and her ELP group spent their 2013 spring break in Washington, D.C. meeting environmental policy leaders, congressional staffers, and sewage treatment center managers in the Anacostia Watershed. Combining their research with her senior capstone project, Leone led the group in collecting data to explore how demographic variables influence worldviews. Leone says the experience helped guide her professional path. “This research provided me with a greater understanding of policy development and with direction in my career.” As an environmental consultant at Booz Allen Hamilton, Leone now advises the U.S. Office of the Deputy Under Secretary of Defense, Installations, and Environment on environmental regulations and policies.

Engaged learning opportunities such as ELP help students make connections between theory and practice—connections that affect their success as citizens and leaders. Although many engaged learning opportunities are in place, funds are limited and student interest exceeds the College’s ability to support more experience-based programs. Trustee Peter Seiden ’73 is an avid supporter of The Eisenhower Institute’s Expert-in-Residence programs. “I think it is important to be able to open up an area to students and allow them to work with people who are ‘doing’ in the world,” said Seiden. “To give students not only an academic framework, but also practical experience and insight makes the College and the students stronger.”

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— Athena Mandroso ’14

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The Eisenhower Institute is proud to introduce you to two new Experts-In-Residence this fall:

**Jessica Zupancic ’14**

Jessica is a senior environmental studies major and business minor who participated in the 2013 ELP trip to Bonaire. Jessica currently works as an educator at the South Florida Science Center & Aquarium and plans to pursue a Master’s in environmental science with a concentration in marine science.

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Gettysburg College’s Seiden-Levi Fellow of Public Policy Prof. Howard Ernst is a senior scholar at the University of Virginia’s Center for Politics and political science professor at the United States Naval Academy.

Visit www.gettysburg.edu/links to learn more.
They traveled more than 21,000 miles over winter break to visit four cities in China—Beijing, Xi’an, Shanghai, and Suzhou—and the city-state of Singapore. Led by Prof. Russell McCutcheon, “East Meets West,” the first international concert tour of the Sunderman Conservatory Wind Symphony, provided students opportunities to strengthen their excellent performance skills, deepen their understanding of music, and work with people from other places and cultures.

1. The Bell Tower of Xi’an, built in 1384.
2. Prof. Russell McCutcheon conducts. The concert program included “Hands Across the Sea” by John Philip Sousa, “Spring Festival” and “Dragon Rhyme,” both by Chen Yi, a contemporary Chinese composer, and “Gettysburg Triumphant” by F. William Sunderman ’19.
3. A water tour gave Carly Strelez ’14 striking views of Singapore, where the group was welcomed by the conservatory of the National University of Singapore.
4. The Wind Symphony visited the Shanghai Conservatory of Music, China’s first music institution of higher education.
5. Highlights of the group’s time in Xi’an included a visit to see the famed Terra Cotta Warriors and this chance to try calligraphy.
6. In concert with musicians at Shaanxi Normal University.
7. Music forges connections, like this trumpet face-off between Luke McCurry ’16 and his counterpart.

Go to www.gettysburg.edu/links for related links.
haddeus Stevens was a mover and a shaker. Recognized as one of the country’s most powerful congressmen during and after the Civil War, it was his influence as an Adams County community leader that helped Samuel Simon Schmucker to found Pennsylvania College, now Gettysburg College. An advocate of education, Stevens persuaded prominent decision-makers in the area to take a chance on Schmucker’s venture to jump-start an institution of higher learning. While representing Gettysburg in the state legislature in 1834, Stevens was instrumental in securing $18,000 from the state to construct the College’s first building, iconic Pennsylvania Hall.

Our alumni are a distinguished group with one thing in common: they value a Gettysburg College education. They are connected through a distinctive experience defined by the campus, the College’s history, its academic excellence, the prominence of public service and active learning, and the expectation to do great work.

What made this College what it is today? The investments of generous people. Some are celebrated on the Benefactors Wall or the Visionary Gettysburgians Wall in the College Union Building. Many are recognized for their annual, reunion, and planned gifts.

Generous people, working together, made Gettysburg College what it is today. Here are ten gifts that capture the commitment, spirit, and intention of all those who honor the Orange and Blue.

A campus unfolds: The Woman’s League

Gettysburg College is one of the most picturesque campuses in the nation—in large part because of the Woman’s League. Look around—Huber Hall, Stevens Hall, the Chapel, Old Dorm/ Pennsylvania Hall, and Glafelter Hall—all were renovated with the help of Woman’s League dollars. Not to mention Weidensall Hall, which was erected as a YMCA building and made possible by a Woman’s League campaign.

Through the years, the Woman’s League has provided more than $1 million for scholarships, library books, and academic and extracurricular programming, as well as the Center for Public Service (CPS), Musselman Library, and various music programs.
Preserving our **history:**

Henry Luce Foundation

The Union and Confederate armies swept through campus during the Battle of Gettysburg. The triumphs and tragedies of July 1863 forever intertwined Gettysburg College with the American story.

The Henry Luce Foundation ensured the College’s historic location would remain an inspiration for future scholars by granting funds to create the Civil War Era Studies program.

Since 1998, the program has also attracted a world-class faculty and is regarded a leader in the national conversation regarding the Civil War.

The impact was evident during last summer’s sesquicentennial commemoration of the Battle of Gettysburg, as numerous media outlets relied upon the program’s experts, recognizing the strong academic reputation of the CWES and Gettysburg College.

A special **collection:**

John H. W. Stuckenberg

Perspective is invaluable.

No one knew this better than John H. W. Stuckenberg. Stuckenberg, a writer, traveler, and Army chaplain, had a lifelong passion for maps and an appreciation for the historical outlook they provide.

Although not an alumnus, Stuckenberg gravitated to Gettysburg College due to its “progressive” curriculum and later bequeathed to the College his collection of more than 500 map sheets from the 16th to the 19th century.

Now housed in Special Collections of Musselman Library, the artifacts serve as primary sources for hundreds of students, faculty, and regional and national scholars each year.

One donated map even proved vital in solving the Venezuela Boundary Dispute of 1895.

The rare collection includes handcrafted works from renowned cartographers Willem Janszoon Blaeu (1571-1638), Matthäus Seutter (1678-1756), and Tobias Conrad Lotter (1717-1777).

A step for **social justice:**

Stephen Warner ’68

Gettysburg College students are charged to realize their responsibility as global citizens—an example set through the sacrifice of Stephen Warner ’68 (right).

Warner, a proponent of civil rights and social justice, was ordered to serve a one-year assignment on the Army’s public relations staff in Vietnam. The photojournalist was killed in an ambush near the Laoitn border in 1971, just three days before he was scheduled to return home.

The talented writer and photographer bequeathed to the College his G.I. insurance “to create intellectually controversial activities.” His gift laid the groundwork for the Center for Public Service (CPS).

Today, 72 percent of our students are involved in community service, in the U.S. and abroad. The College was named to the President’s Higher Education Community Service Honor Roll, the highest honor a college or university can receive for its commitment to volunteering, service-learning, and civic engagement.

An **inclusive community:**

Bruce Gordon ’68 and David LeVan ’68

Alumnus and former president of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) Bruce Gordon ’68 helped ensure the College could enroll more students from historically underrepresented groups.

In 2001, Gordon presented Gettysburg with a $500,000 gift to establish an endowed scholarship in his name. His classmate David LeVan ’68, former chair of the Gettysburg College Board of Trustees, later matched the gift, bringing the total endowment for the fund to $1 million.

Today, the Bruce S. Gordon Endowed Scholarship not only benefits its recipients, but also improves the learning environment and vibrancy of the campus for everyone at the College. Since 2001, the percentage of domestic students of color has risen from 5.4 percent to 10.4 percent.
In 2012 the College created the Gettysburg Fund Scholarship to enable benefactors to commit at least $10,000 and provide an annual scholarship of $2,500 or more over a four-year period. Generous gifts from Holly Keller ’87 and Matthew McDevitt ’87 and from Ronald Smith ’59 helped to launch the program. A number of alumni have since followed suit, naming their own Gettysburg Fund Scholarships.

In May 24–25, Clark Field will host the NCAA Division III Women’s Lacrosse Championship. For the second time, the exceptional venue will thrust the College into the spotlight as host of a national contest. The complex was made possible through the generosity of former Bullets soccer goalkeeper John Clark ’52 and his wife Mary. It is one of the couple’s many gifts to the College.

Women’s lacrosse, women’s soccer, and men’s lacrosse have each won championships on its artificial playing surface. The Clark Field complex gives Gettysburg women’s athletics a battlefield advantage. The venue enjoys the most breathtaking backdrop in collegiate sports: the Eternal Light Peace Memorial, with its flame lit in remembrance of the soldiers who gave their lives on these grounds in 1863.

Trustee John F. Jaeger ’65 is one such Gettysburgian. In 2012, he pledged the largest gift to the general endowment in the College’s history. Through his $5 million commitment, made in the first year of the leadership phase of Gettysburg Great: The Campaign for Our College, Jaeger hopes to inspire other Gettysburgians to make their own “gifts of a lifetime” and benefit our students into the future.

The largest gift in the College’s history to date provides talented students with comprehensive classical music instruction and performance training in conjunction with a high-quality liberal arts education. In 2005, its founding year, there were thirty-seven music majors and two degrees offered. A performance degree was added and today there are 103 music majors. Graduates are landing outstanding positions in performance, music management, arts administration, and writing, or are pursuing advanced degrees.

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—by Mike Baker
Long days are the norm for President Janet Morgan Riggs ’77, appointed the College’s fourteenth (and first alumna) President in 2009. Her office in Penn Hall is a space to work in peace, but more often a busy hub where she welcomes students, faculty, alumni—and recently Gettysburg magazine—to visit.

620-step commute
When she is not travelling to meet alumni and parents around the country (or the world—see pages 18-19) her day begins with a quick walk from the President’s House on West Broadway to the office in Pennsylvania Hall.

Orange and Blue, through and through
A scarf made by Bonnie Chemel (wife of Board of Trustees Chair Jim Chemel ’71) complements the many hats Riggs wears as a Gettysburgian: student, alumna, professor, administrator, and President.

First and foremost, a teacher
In her top drawer there’s a grade book that she used as recently as 2010. Riggs received the Gettysburg College Student Senate Faculty Appreciation Award after a mere three years of teaching, as well as the Thompson Distinguished Teaching Award and the Gettysburg College Woman of Distinction Award. She was psychology department chair from 1996-2001 and continues to hold office hours.

Nod to the past
Riggs earned her PhD in social psychology at Princeton University and was recruited by her undergrad mentors to return to Gettysburg as a faculty member. One textbook from her College days has been with her through the journey: Calculus of Vector Functions for a course taught by (now) Professor Emeritus David E. Flesner.

Simple and familiar
Except for some personal items, the office looks much the same as it did when Riggs became President, in the midst of the economic turmoil that began in 2008. As the College weathered the downturn, Riggs did not want to use College funds to change the décor of the office or the President’s residence.

The face of Gettysburg College
Representing the College at official functions has many rewards. Among her mementos: jingle bells made by Cly-Del Manufacturing Company from College benefactor Bob Garthwait ’82; commemorative medallions; and photos with luminaries such as retired U.S. Supreme Court Justice Sandra Day O’Connor and director Steven Spielberg.

The President’s view
From her window she can watch chairs go up for Commencement and Convocation. Past the library and the path of the Twilight Walk, she can see Plank Gym. “That’s where I first met Ed,” she said. The two met on their third day on campus and married in 1978.

Hitting the beach
A photo of flip-flops on the sand and orange- and blue-framed starfish hearken back to summers at Long Beach Island, New Jersey. “As a kid, it’s where we always went on vacation, and I’ve gone to the beach every summer of my life except the year our twins were born,” she said.

Speaking of family
Janet and Ed Riggs ’77 have three adult children: Brian and twins Rachel and Tommy. Rachel painted the flower as a Mother’s Day gift and Tommy is known for his iconic photo of Cory Weissman ’12 hitting his 1000 to 1 foul shot. Oldest son Brian is a structural engineer in the Philadelphia area.

If they could, these walls might talk about the wounded Civil War soldiers who were cared for in 1863. Or of student pranks and break-ins in the late 1800s. Or about John Jaeger and Eric Kolbe, both members of the Class of 1965 who visited and made multimillion dollar commitments to support Gettysburg Great: The Campaign for Our College.

A blog by President Janet Morgan Riggs ’77, Cupola Conversations, can be found online.
The Sunderman Conservatory of Music encourages students like Jimmy to be well-rounded and experience the full benefits of a rigorous music curriculum in the context of an equally challenging program in the liberal arts and sciences.

In a video about Nguyen’s decision to major in both biology and music, Prof. Yeon-Su Kim said, “To be able to study music at a high level like this and to have the ability to broaden your horizons provides the foundation for a very rich life.” Nguyen, winner of the annual Concerto Competition, said, “I thought I would only be a biology major, but I was drawn in by the amazing professors. I’m definitely a better violinist now, and whatever I learn in music I can apply to my studies in science.”

View the video and hear Jimmy play violin online.

Gettysburg means a wealth of choices, opportunities, and once-in-a-lifetime experiences.

What students

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What makes Gettysburg Great

People, programs, and places that inspire our community.

A book by history Prof. Allen Guelzo, Henry R. Luce Professor of the Civil War Era and Director of Civil War Era Studies, was recognized with two prestigious awards this spring.

*Gettysburg: The Last Invasion* (Alfred A. Knopf) was the inaugural selection for the Guggenheim-Lehrman Prize in Military History, awarded in recognition of the best book published in English in the field of military history. *Gettysburg: The Last Invasion* was selected over 100 other texts.

The 2014 Gilder Lehrman Lincoln Prize honored Guelzo for *Gettysburg: The Last Invasion*, and Martin P. Johnson of Miami University Hamilton, for *Writing the Gettysburg Address* (University Press of Kansas). Steven Spielberg received a Special Achievement Award for the movie *Lincoln* at the April 24 awards presentation in New York City.

This is the third time Guelzo received this distinguished prize, which is awarded by Gettysburg College and the Gilder Lehrman Institute of American History. The winners were chosen from 114 nominations.

*Gettysburg: The Last Invasion* appeared on The New York Times bestseller list for six weeks.

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May 17–18  
Commencement Weekend

May 24–26  
2014 NCAA Division III  
Women’s LAX Championships  
at Clark Field

May 28–June 1  
Alumni College and Reunion

May 29–30  

22nd Annual  
Sara Lee/Butter Krust Baking  
Gettysburg College  
Golf Classic presented by the Cly-Del  
Manufacturing Company

June 11–15  
Gettysburg Fest  
June 13–15  
Gettysburg College Alumni Family Weekend  

July 27–31  
Class of 2018 orientation  
Sept. 1  
Classes begin  
Sept. 19  
Legacy Admissions Experience  
Sept. 19–21  
Gettysburg Great Weekend: Homecoming & Campaign Kickoff  
Oct. 31–Nov. 2  
Family Weekend

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Greetings from cold, cold G-burg! It is good to have the students back from a long vacation. I hope everyone had a memorable family Christmas. Recipients of the Dr. John B. Zinn Scholarship in the Sciences are chemistry majors Laura Lee ’15 and Megan McDonald ’16. This scholarship was established by our class at our 50th Reunion to be awarded to talented students pursuing a science education. Richard Dwight Sheads of Tecumseh, MI died Nov. 18, 2013. He is survived by a daughter and two grandchildren. Dick earned his MS in wildlife management from Penn State U and a doctoral certificate in the same field from the U of MI. He taught biology at alma mater, and then, for 50 years, he taught science, chemistry, physics, biology, and German at Willow Run High School in Ypsilanti, MI. Dick served as a lieutenant in the medical administrative corps in WWII and received several awards. He was a member of several civic organizations, including a 33 Degree Scottish Rites Mason. His wife Adele preceded him in death in 2005. We extend our sympathy to his family. Dick was buried in Evergreen Cemetery, Gettysburg.

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As always, I am concerned that my column is full of sad news concerning deaths of friends and classmates. This issue there are three: Richard W. Dutrey, Carlisle, PA; William F. Green, Monro, GA; and Harry F. Rote Jr., Eustis, FL. I have the full obituaries and will be happy to send them on to anyone wishes to call or email me. I’ll claim editor’s privilege and use a bit of space to tell you all that’ll be heading back to York in the spring to an independent living situation. Use the number and address above until next issue when I’ll have a brand new mailing address.

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This is a hard class notes time for me, since I have four obituaries and only one letter, from Allen Pannell. I’ve mentioned that he and his wife are now in a retirement community in Lansdale, PA. When at the College, Allen had an act “Burnell the Magician, The Man Who Makes Time Fly.” He is no longer doing that act, but has a new one, which is “Magic Radio Nostalgia,” a musical review and parody of the early days of radio and features segments of children’s broadcasts, soap operas, crooners, talk shows, newsreaders and radio comedians. The act also features some old-time parlor magic. This latest program is designed for senior centers, retirement communities, and nursing homes. Sounds great—I’d love to see it! Charles Taylor, who died in December, was a veteran of WWII, serving in the Army Air Corps. He worked in sales in the pharmaceutical industry and most recently in advertising. He was a member of the Dallastown Lions Club and received the Melvin Jones Award for dedicated service to the community. Charles is survived by his wife, Helen; a son, Daniel; a daughter, Erin Banks; and three grandchildren, Christopher Taylor, Peter Taylor, and Andrew Banks.

Glenn Meisenhelter, who was one of eleven children, died in Towanda, PA. After high school he enlisted in the Navy during WWII and came to Gettysburg College. Glenn received a degree in chemical engineering and was employed by GTE Sylvania in Towanda until his retirement. He was a member of WWII Last Man’s Club, the VFW, Elks, and Towanda Country Club. He is survived by his wife of 63 years, Sally, and three children, Cathy, James, and Glen. The Rev. Charles Ruby, who died in December, attended Gettysburg seminary. He served three parishes in PA before moving to Phoenix, AZ, where he was Senior Pastor of Faith Lutheran Church for 19 years before founding Lord of Life in Sun City West. He retired after 13 years in that parish. Charles is survived by, Shelly, his wife of 55 years, two children, Jeffry Ruby and Melissa Dugan, and grandchildren Kaftin and Erik Ruby and David Dugan. Richard “Dick” Cadmus also died in
December. After serving in Korea in the Army, Dick came to Gettysburg College where he was active in IPE, the swim team. He was married to Valerie for 56 years before her passing in 2009. Dick and Valerie enjoyed traveling with their grandchildren both in Europe and the United States. Dick was an agent for the Prudential Insurance Company for 25 years in northern Palm Beach County. Dick leaves brother, David ’58; son, Scott; daughter, Dindy; grandchildren, Kara and Kyle Quinn; and great-granddaughter Kylie Quinn. That’s our news; please write me about what you are doing!

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Greetings! Dick and I am your class correspondent. A big thank you goes to Jo Sierer Foucart who served us for many years. I will try to fill her shoes. To update you on the King family, Larry ’50, our son Steve ’80, and our granddaughter, Sydney, have traveled all over the world. They celebrated the holidays with us. Among the missing were the two most recent members, great-grandsons John (D) and Parker (1). Parker may sound familiar to some of you. Yes, it is for Parker’s birthday. This past year, we have enjoyed traveling and have fond recollections of Alexander “Sandy” Astin who received the Allen P. Spite Award for Outstanding Service from the Council of Independent Colleges. Sandy is emeritus professor of education at the Graduate School of Education and Informational Studies at UCLA and the founding dean of the School of Education and Informational Studies at the University of California. He is the author of the Astin Report. He is the recipient of the outstanding community college president award, Astin said that it is “gratifying to see our association of the 7000 presidents that are doing!” Scott; daughter, Cindy; grandchildren, Tasha and Tanja; and Jean Wolfe ’57 who served as Assistant Professor of Technical Services at the then Foreign Language Center “Hot Line” at the Pentagon in the National Military Command, Office of the Joint Chiefs, 1971-75. She completed her career in Charlotte, NC, as director of technical services at the then Foreign Science Technology Center, 1978-80. Alice is survived by her brother Wayne and her sister Doris. She was interred at Arlington National Cemetery. We send our related condolences to her family.

1955

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I attended Gettysburg for a few years earlier than one from Nelson Suloff. Neil writes that he and his wife, Kjia Cho ‘41, had grown accustomed to the frequent household changes while serving 21 years in the Navy Chaplain Corps. Living in active retirement for 24 years without a move has been an enjoyable dream. We’re so thankful we don’t even feel an urgent need yet to opt for a less active lifestyle.” Start saving your “checkables,” people. Our 60th Reunion is coming up in 2015. I hope to see as many of you as can make it. It’s not increases both the percentage of the participation and support of our beloved College in these years. We received notice that Alice May Davis passed away on Aug. 5, 2013. Alice served in the U.S. Army and achieved the rank of Lieutenant Colonel. At the College, she graduated magna cum laude and went on to receive an MA from Columbia U. In her military career, she served principally in military intelligence and also as a Soviet specialist and Russian linguist. The high point of her career, she was her assignment as assistant presidential translator and chief of the Washington-Moscow “Hot Line” at the Pentagon in the National Military Command, Office of the Joint Chiefs, 1971-75. She completed her career in Charlotte, NC, as director of technical services at the then Foreign Science Technology Center, 1978-80. Alice is survived by her brother Wayne and her sister Doris. She was interred at Arlington National Cemetery. We send our related condolences to her family.

1956

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I received a note from William Moore just after the deadline for the last issue, but nonetheless, I am happy to report his outstanding news. His son, Stephen Morro ’80, was interceded into the Woodyard High School Hall of Fame, Class of 2013, as an outstanding alumnus. The family is excited that father and son are both enshrined in the same hall of fame. Congratulations to both Billy and his granddaughter Amanda graduated in May as a member of the Gettysburg Class of 2013, thus giving him the family three generations of Gettysburg graduates. I think that is great! The only other piece of news I received was notification of the passing of Richard W. Ganzie on Jan. 9. He is survived by his wife Sally, his son and daughter, and five wonderful grandchildren whom he adored, as well as several close relatives. Richard was proud for 40 years and all was given by the honorary designation of a “Member of the Senior Class.” He was a member of Phi Delta Theta and served as president of the Intrac-Fraternity Council. After graduating from Gettysburg, he earned his MBA from Northeastern U and a Master’s of Health Administration from Harvard. He used his expertise in the sales and marketing industry, as well as in the hospital and medical care industry. We are sorry to hear of his passing and send our sympathies to all of his family and friends. Be sure to send news of your activities and travels so I have news to send out. Everyone stay warm and look forward to spring.

1957

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Continuing his political activism in retirement, Perfect Storm: Schultz tells of his recent efforts. With the help of a member of NIH Senate, Senator Bob, he looks toward a symposium that will engage our fellow citizens with their faith and community leaders. They will be discussed to the moral imperative for congressional action on climate disruption. He’s been involved in similar proceedings on behalf of the poor. As I seek sources of information for this column, Elaine Newgarden claps back: “I have a story. Just do Christmas letters?” Did Garrison Keillor’s A Prairie Home Companion ever discuss for their relevance? Nevertheless, Elaine is looking forward to a Bermuda cruise in May along with eight other classmates. Norman ’59 and Cynthia Wertz Gindlesperger have fond recollections of their summer Viking Cruise on the Danube, Main, and Rhine that took them from Budapest through Vienna and Heidelberg to the Rhine. Hal and I transferred to Northwestern U after his

1958

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We extend our sympathy to the family of Gerald Shearer who passed away in Apr. 2013. He was a native of Gettysburg and owned and operated Shearer’s Furniture Store in Gettysburg for 35 years. He was an active member of the community. Our condolences go to his wife of 55 years Suzanne Ziegler Shearer ’57 and his extended family.

College info: Next Reunion Weekend is May 29-June 1 and Homecoming Weekend is Sept. 19-21.
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I had my third replacement of my right hip, but things are going well. I’m able to get around. I was back to the computer chair to write these notes. Rod has been an amazing husband to me, nancy, and nag Alana. Judy Coffman Bauroth answered my call for stories of childhood activities that have been meaningful and joyful for them. During the 10 years that they have lived in FL, a group of their church began the tradition of a Thanksgiving dinner for shut-ins, homeless people, migrant farm workers, and those living in transitional housing. In one year, they provided over 7,800 meals. They cook them at the church and deliver them to various locations. Alana and the rest of the team loves the work they do.

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Class of 1967

Wendy Shaler, newsletter editor, was thrilled to hear from many classmates who had the chance to make it to Gettysburg for the 40th Reunion Weekend on June 4-6.

News & Notes

Several classmates shared news of their recent accomplishments.

Gail and Craig went to an event where their children, who are the grandchildren, started arriving.

Gail reports that Pat Kain is director of expository writing at Johns Hopkins University. Peggy Gaver lives on the farm near Frederick, MD. She and her husband are into scuba diving. Gail says that she hears from Rich Masini periodically. He lives in Thailand, is a writer, and plans to come back to Gettysburg for the 1964 football team reunion. Tracey Hewitt lives near Gail in Narberth, PA, at Children’s Hospital of Philadelphia, and became a grandmother last year.

1968

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Gettysburg College Class of 1968

Betsy Bender Griffiths and husband Jon ‘96 are marking their 20th anniversary in their home in Gettysburg, after spending more than 40 years in New Jersey. Betsy writes that they are enjoying visits from Gettysburg friends and both visit with the College’s community concert. They are the parents of four grandchildren, who are nearby in Frederick (MD) and the younger two, in South Africa, where their daughter Megan is a conservation biologist. Daughter Sarah is a classical soprano in NYC. I am sorry to report the death of classmate Peter Frederickson. Peter lost a battle with cancer in December. He spent most of his career as a high school counselor and basketball coach in Berwyn, PA. Our thoughts are with his friends and family.

1969

45th Reunion Year

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I am rather slim pickings for classmate news this time. Thank goodness for Fred Schumacher, who never sits still and always has something to report. In our last issue, he was getting ready for the JFK 50-mile marathon; unfortunately, he didn’t have a successful day. Knowing Fred, he’ll probably try again next year. He also had more music activities, including organizing Echo Taps for Veterans Day in Frederick, MD and providing the musicians for the Memorial Day observance at the Monocacy Battlefield. It isn’t all sports and music for Fred; his oldest daughter Kathryn got married last July. Fred’s a fan of our 45th Reunion Committee and is looking forward to seeing many of our classmates at the end of May.

Stephen Nelson had his fifth book, College Presidents Reflect: Life In and Out of the Ivory Tower, published in December (see page 4). It is available at the College’s bookstores, as well as other online retailers. Updates on happenings at, around, or about G-Burg include the release of 10000 to 1, the Cory Weissman Story, the real Ho-G-Burg College student-athlete who battled back from a debilitating stroke to be on the G-Burg basketball team. The DVD was released on March 4. Brig. Gen. Flora Dargini ’85, the first woman to be head of the JAG (Judge Advocate General’s), will be G-Burg’s commencement speaker on May 18. She will also receive an honorary degree, as will alumnus Calton Holloway ’76 (ELCA bishop) and music-world giant Clive Davis. If you like baseball, alumni outings will be held at Red Sox, Yankees, Phillies, Orioles, Nationals and games this spring and summer. Check out the alumni event calendar for full details. Remember: Class of 1969 Reunion is May 29–June 1.

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Gettysburg College Class of 1971 Reunion

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Judy Lauer worked for 30 years as a law librarian with the NYS court system. She retired in June 2012, and she loves every minute of it! She’s working on her bucket list that has so far included a trip to New Zealand and lots of cross-country road trips to visit family. She also claims to be cleaning out the house. A favorite task of all retirees is getting a handle on those things that got away from you while you were working. Since graduating, John McCoubrie has worked in the office technology business, including having his own business in CA for 10 years. He has worked from home the opportunity to travel most through Europe and Asia. John is now with Hewlett Packard based in Malvern, PA. He is married to wife Amy have four children and two grandchildren.

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40th Reunion Year

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Class of 1974

The Battle, the College, and one of our alumni, Linda Lundell Luebeke’s @lindylundy@gmail.com, is looking forward to seeing many of our classmates at the end of May. Stephen Nelson had his fifth book, College Presidents Reflect: Life In and Out of the Ivory Tower, published in December (see page 4). It is available at the College’s bookstores, as well as other online retailers. Updates on happenings at, around, or about G-Burg include the release of 10000 to 1, the Cory Weissman Story, the real Ho-G-Burg College student-athlete who battled back from a debilitating stroke to be on the G-Burg basketball team. The DVD was released on March 4. Brig. Gen. Flora Dargini ’85, the first woman to be head of the JAG (Judge Advocate General’s), will be G-Burg’s commencement speaker on May 18. She will also receive an honorary degree, as will alumnus Calton Holloway ’76 (ELCA bishop) and music-world giant Clive Davis. If you like baseball, alumni outings will be held at Red Sox, Yankees, Phillies, Orioles, Nationals and Nationals games this spring and summer. Check out the alumni event calendar for full details. Remember: Class of 1969 Reunion is May 29–June 1.

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May 28-31, 2015; put those dates on your calendar. That’s our next milestone Reunion!–our 40th! You’ll receive more updates at the get-together closer. For those of you who are long-range planners, you now know when to schedule a trip to G-Burg. Unfortunately, we have some members that won’t be able to join us.

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passed away in January. Upon hearing from Wood, the G-burg basketball team. The DVD was released on March 4. Brig. Gen. Flora Dargini ’85, the first woman to be head of the JAG (Judge Advocate General’s), will be G-Burg’s commencement speaker on May 18. She will also receive an honorary degree, as will alumnus Calton Holloway ’76 (ELCA bishop) and music-world giant Clive Davis. If you like baseball, alumni outings will be held at Red Sox, Yankees, Phillies, Orioles, Nationals and Nationals games this spring and summer. Check out the alumni event calendar for full details. Remember: Class of 1969 Reunion is May 29–June 1.

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Class of 1976

President Janet Morgan Riggs said that the Philadelphia Alumni Association hosted a meeting of approximately 150 alumni and friends this past Oct. at the Union League of Philadelphia. Several alumni reported that they had a great time and that they were pleased to have an update on our alma mater. Janet accepted, on behalf of the College, an award from Philadelphia Futures for being the first college to provide slots for this program for first-generation-to-college-income students.

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This is George White’s last class note as the Class of ’79 correspondent. The College thanks George for his dedicated work as the Class of ’79 correspondent. Dianne Lappe Cooney will assume the role of correspondent. Thank you, George.

It’s been exactly 10 years since I took this class notes assignment, and it’s been a pleasure. I hope you are able to remember back in this day what a news source the CUBS’s newsletter Pullout was to everyone on campus. I remember our own Dianne Lappe Cooney doing a superb job for a long-ago newsletter editor in chief. Back then, all she had to work with was her good humor, patience, a typewriter, and all the scribbled announcements left in an envelope box. With this being my final column, I’m happy to announce Diane is our new class correspondent. Her first column will be in the next issue. Please reach out to her for any information above June by 15 for the fall issue. She can also be found on Facebook. I should add that Diane is married to Don Cooney. He’s at Swarthmore College leading their development efforts. He’s a career philanthropist who includes the experience at F&M, Gettysburg, and Lancaster Theological Seminary. We expect that Diane will carry on the wonderful work of the Class of ’79 Reunion the weekend of May 31. Reunion committee chair-ans

Anne Hanley Casillo and Susan Johnson Hunter lead an enthusiastic alumni group riding 24-25 miles a day. They decided to make it that far, she might drive the 10 hours to see them win again. I received a Christmas card from Rich Spillane. Rich and his wife Madeline live in Long Grove, IL. Rich is the CFO at Vance Publishing Corp. Their oldest son graduates from Indiana U in May and will work as an IT consultant for Ernst & Young. Their youngest son is a sophomore at Iowa State U where he does chemical engineering. Their daughter Spillane Wilson hosted a mini Chi-O reunion lunch in Nov. She managed to get Linda L. Brown, Brenda Bocina Curnin, Sue Elliott Snyder, Barb Bittner Jones, Laura Lee, and Betsy Easton Loughman all together at her home in Wilanova, PA. Speaking of Linda Brown, the “other Linda Brown,” as we called our friend, Linda Brown-Kuhn, resides in NJ and is a freelance writer specializing in environmental and health topics. She and her husband Mark have 2 kids; Corey is a freshman at Montclair State U, and Abby is 12 years old. Jeffrey Oak was the recipient of a Gettysburg College 2013 Distinguished Alumus Award, the highest honor given by the Gettysburg College Alumni Association. After graduating cum laude from Gettysburg, Jeff earned his Master of Divinity degree from Yale U, where he was awarded a Prize Fellowship for Teaching Excellence. For 10 years, he worked as an ethics consultant to educational and nonprofit organizations and as executive administrator and pastor of a large multi-national Methodist Church congregation. He returned to Yale in 1994 to pursue his MA and PhD in philosophy. Jeff is senior vice president of corporate responsibility and development for Bon Secours Health System Inc. In the fall of 2017, the family of Jeff and his wife Kim Bettleyer established a scholarship in his honor. “Our family established the Timothy D. Bettleyer College Faculty Scholarship Fund at Gettysburg College to assist others in attaining their goal of a college education that led to our family’s “hearts,” said his wife Joanne Fahury Bettleyer ’80. The family of the Gettysburg College legacy continues today; their daughter Samantha graduated in May 2012, and their daughter Christine is a member of the Class of 2015. On information contributing, contact the office of major and planned giving.

Heidi Tuma Wandel has a nice event with Melissa “Missy” Poole Eppler ’82 and a couple of friends took a road trip through the middle stopping at many bars and eateries.

1982

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Gettysburg College Class of 1982
Hello, classmates. I hope 2014 has been a great one for you thus far! Here’s the latest news:

Rump Kemp is still in Rochester, working as an accountant and officer manager at his husband’s flooring business. Her parents attended the U of Pittsburgh—Bradford and plays baseball. They played the Bultets in FL over spring break! Wendy much prefers being her great grandchildren as well. On the business front, Bob Garthwait’s Cly-Dep lab was part of a four- company merger, leaving Bob as CEO of both Cly-Dep and CDI. His name remains on the umbrella. Congratulations on this new adventure, Bob! Jen Fisher Bryant’s book, A Splendid Company, was selected by the National Council of Teachers of English Orbis Pictus Award for Outstanding Nonfiction for Children. There’s no stopping you, Jen! Jim and Nancy Sanderson’s 30th anniversary in the St. Louis suburb for the third time. Jim is pricing director for Stelan Plastics, and Nancy’s new business venture is a lump sum retirement plan. Daughter Samantha transferred to Gettysburg and will be a senior next year, majoring in economics and studying the MBA program. Jim and Nancy’s empty nest is filled with their two standard poodles, tennis rackets, and a recurrence of Pizza House cravings. Yet another legacy story: Jim Bogorowski’s daughter will start her MBA program at the University of Chicago. It looks of Scott Woodcock’s recent family photo! For the record, we are more plants than just his new home in Shanghai this year. He works as Huntington’s marketing director in the Asia Pacific region. Meanwhile, Lisa Ross Girrivan and family are in London and who continues her work for Deutsche Bank. Who else from our class is sprinkled around the globe? Let us know! For the benefit of our Class of 2012, we want to invite you to become part of our private class Facebook page. Just search for Gettysburg College Class of 1982. Drop me a note to share information on your family’s recent moves or anecdotes of crossing paths with other Burgians, which we all know is a small world phenomenon that happens all of the time! Be healthy and well.

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Gettysburg College Class of 1983
It’s early Feb. and snowing again here in PA. What a winter! Kari Williams won her re-election for Doylestown Borough’s tax collector. Way to go, Kari Ann! Your hard work paid off, and we’re proud of you. Ruth Fuller Seidel recently met with Susan Sibby Crambra and Rhonda Linnett

Graber in NY. They want to get to an antiques show where they ran into Pete Carlson ’80 and his wife, Pete has 3 kids, and his longest is a freshman at Gettysburg. In memory of Peter, working in the athletic training room; he always had a smile and helping hand. Gburg will host the NCAA Division III Women’s Lacrosse Championships this spring. Come back and cheer the team led by coach Carol Daly Carlisle. That’s all I have for this issue. I hope to hear from more of you.

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Gettysburg College Class of 1985

Kathy Reese Laing
November 19, 2013. For those who are interested in classical music, you should keep your eye on our annual William Burd Grundstrum who has composed a new piece, Chanenceau, which premiered Feb. 18 in NY. JoAnn Detwiler Bull, Stephanie Gahrke Marra, Sue Riccio, Jenn Phelan Bittner, Anneannam Calkedolish and Amy Manson Keating met in Norwich, CT, for a mini reunion in January. Beth England and family are working in business but there in spirit. Tim Bright has caught the running fever out in CA and has completed a 5K with the kids. For those who made it to our 25th Reunion, you probably saw Robyn Cirado Sheehan. Soon after our Reunion, she was in a terrible car accident and has been making steady recovery since then, and from those who we missed, we are all informed she has smiled through the whole ordeal. Robyn is now the proud owner of a bionic ankle! Has anyone else from our class had any joint replacements yet? Sometimes it takes a little longer for people to “find” the love of their lives. Julie Hoff Condren and Ray Conrad reconnected and got married Aug. 31, 2013 at Christ Chapel at Gettysburg College. You may remember they were a couple as freshman. Judy was in Louisville, KY and Julie was in Indianapolis when he “found her.”
They recently relocated to Cranford, NJ due to a job transfer for Ray. Congratualtions! If you're in central VA, stay tuned for news about our new alumni club. Don't forget to keep the news flowing. Our floor ratio is scheduled for May 28-31, 2015. Save the date.

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Gettysburg College Class of '86-Page 3
Greetings, Class of '86. I hope all is well with you and your families. John Harris wrote, “Despite my performance in the classroom as a student at Gettysburg, I wanted to report his new position as the senior vice president for strategy at BTS Software Solutions in Columbia, MD.

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Gettysburg College Class of '88
Happy spring, everyone! I didn't receive updates or news from our classmates, Mike and Terry. I wanted to remind everyone of our upcoming 25th Reunion. Please save the date, May 29-31 2016! You will receive more information from our wonderful Reunion Co-chairs, Ralph and Anne Kassakart Kohart. Thanks so much to the Koharts and their Reunion committee for working on such an important event. I'm sure it will be a memorable time, so mark it on your calendars. The Class of '99 is getting old! Send news, please!

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Gettysburg College Class of '90
Happy spring, all! Elizabeth Lender Meighan married Marty Karsteter on July 29, 2013. Marty is one of the Adams County commissioners and is “awesomely” as Elizabeth jokingly writes, Marty’s son, Luanne (11), and Elizabeth’s children, Niall (15), Kate (13), and Sam (10) were all part of the wedding ceremony. The couple was married at the Adams County courthouse by their minister and the Parish of St. Peter’s Church. Saverling was Elizabeth’s matron of honor. Also in attendance were Karen Kay Sloane, Jon Elvio Acorin (98), and Courtney Wedge ‘00. The couple enjoyed an extended honeymoon in Europe. Elizabeth works as a civil attorney for the Department of the Army. Elizabeth and Marty bought a house on Broadway in Gettysburg next to Lambia Chapel. Interestingly enough, their new place used to be Professor Leslie Cahlors house! Linnne Saverling is director of patient accounting for Temple Health and lives in Bryn Mawr, PA. Linnne has been married to her firefighter husband Shawn for 16 years. The couple has two boys, Ryan (13) and Ryelle (11). Jamie Parkinson wrote of a recent reunion and celebration with fellow classmate Geoff Bricks. Geoff retired from the Army, and Jamie and Bill Koffenberger joined him at a casual retirement party this past Jan. in Clarksdale, TN. After 17 years with the U.S. Army Special Forces (including numerous tours through Iraq), Geoff deserves the honor of Geoff’s Army buddies wants to hear all about his days as a theatre major at G-Burg. Jamie is a partner at the law firm of Buckley Gardner in DC. He does international compliance and white collar criminal defense work. His work has taken him to Stiahah, Dathi, Singerprint, and Western Europe over the years. Jamie is married to Susan. They reside in DC with their two little girls. Bill is married to Diane Atkinson. He works at George Washington U. in D.C. and works in the news coming.

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Gettysburg College Class of '91
Many thanks to Rachel Pope Tucker, for serving as class correspondent since graduation. As of this date, MichelleEvans Hughes takes the keyboard.

In Sept 2012 I took my high school junior daughter to the Legacy Admissions Experience Day for children of alumni to take tours and get to know Gettysburg College. I put pictures on the Gettysburg College 1991 Facebook page. (ed note: along with a recent one with her acquaintance Jackie). Last May I hosted two Gettysburg College students for an externship in pathology (pathologists assistants who are physician extenders in pathology), Housing students for the externship was a great way to give back the opportunity I was given when I participated in the Service Learning Project with the University of Maryland Medical Center in 1989. I received my MS in pathology there in 1990). Please remember to send your updates to me by June 15.

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Gettysburg College Class of '92
Happy spring class of 92! You all must have been very busy trying to stay warm this winter, because I only heard from 2 of you. Thank you, Gordon Lewis and Sara Qually on Sept. 21, 2013. Marty is one of the Adams County commissioners and is “awesomely” as Elizabeth jokingly writes, Marty’s son, Luanne (11), and Elizabeth’s children, Niall (15), Kate (13), and Sam (10) were all part of the wedding ceremony. The couple was married at the Adams County courthouse by their minister and the Parish of St. Peter’s Church. Saverling was Elizabeth’s matron of honor. Also in attendance were Karen Kay Sloane, Jon Elvio Acorin (98), and Courtney Wedge ‘00. The couple enjoyed an extended honeymoon in Europe. Elizabeth works as a civil attorney for the Department of the Army. Elizabeth and Marty bought a house on Broadway in Gettysburg next to Lambia Chapel. Interestingly enough, their new place used to be Professor Leslie Cahlors house! Linnne Saverling is director of patient accounting for Temple Health and lives in Bryn Mawr, PA. Linnne has been married to her firefighter husband Shawn for 16 years. The couple has two boys, Ryan (13) and Ryelle (11). Jamie Parkinson wrote of a recent reunion and celebration with fellow classmate Geoff Bricks. Geoff retired from the Army, and Jamie and Bill Koffenberger joined him at a casual retirement party this past Jan. in Clarksdale, TN. After 17 years with the U.S. Army Special Forces (including numerous tours through Iraq), Geoff deserves the honor of Geoff’s Army buddies wants to hear all about his days as a theatre major at G-Burg. Jamie is a partner at the law firm of Buckley Gardner in DC. He does international compliance and white collar criminal defense work. His work has taken him to Stiahah, Dathi, Singerprint, and Western Europe over the years. Jamie is married to Susan. They reside in DC with their two little girls. Bill is married to Diane Atkinson. He works at George Washington U. in D.C. and works in the news coming.

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Gettysburg College Class of '93
20th Reunion Year
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Gettysburg College Class of 1994
Congratulations to Matt Haag who started his second term this year as a city council member in Rochester. The commencement speaker this year will be Flora Parpino, 93, the first woman to head the Judybudgeate General. She will receive an honorary degree along with ELCA Bishop Calvin Holloway. ‘76 and music great Dave Daise. Make your calendar is marked for the Reunion—May 29 to June 11.

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Gettysburg College Class of '96
Our class has been very busy with families, earning advanced degrees, doing community work, and expanding careers. Kerry Lennstrom Kilkenny wrote for working on such an important event. I'm sure it will be a memorable time, so mark it on your calendars. The Class of '99 is getting old! Send news, please!

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Michael Matarasso and his wife Jamie welcomed their first child Emily on May 29, 2013. She weighed 6 lbs. 11 oz. She was baptized Jaime welcomed their first child Emily on May 29, 2013. She weighed 6 lbs. 11 oz. She was baptized

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Gettysburg College Class of '97
Happy spring, everyone! I didn't receive updates or news from our classmates, Mike and Terry. I wanted to remind everyone of our upcoming 25th Reunion. Please save the date, May 29-31 2016! You will receive more information from our wonderful Reunion Co-chairs, Ralph and Anne Kassakart Kohart. Thanks so much to the Koharts and their Reunion committee for working on such an important event. I'm sure it will be a memorable time, so mark it on your calendars. The Class of '99 is getting old! Send news, please!

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Dec. 2013 from U of NE-Lincoln. She works as a counselor at VA Highlands Community College in Abingdon, VA. Chuck Steel was elected to the Bermudian Springs school board in Nov. 2013. Please continue to send updates via email or Facebook.

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Gettysburg College Class of 1998

Chrsissy Shott Kopple and her husband Scott welcomed baby number two last April. Zachary Howard joins his very proud and protective big sister Sydney (4). They reside in Alexandria, VA. After maternity leave, he resumed his position as vice president of media relations for the National Association of Chain Drug Stores in Arlington, VA.

1999

15th Reunion Year
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Gettysburg College Class of 1999 Reunion

I hope you are all making your plans for our 15th Reunion. It will be great to see you all at Gettysburg this spring. See you all back at G-Burg this spring. Please keep the news coming!

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Gettysburg College Class of 2000

Jason and Nicole Hammerstrom Vischio welcomed their first child, Brecken R. Vischio in Mar. 2012. They relocated to Naples, FL where Nicole accepted a position with the Boatman Niskayuna, NY 14571.

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Gettysburg College Class of 2001


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Gettysburg College Class of 2002

Thanks for all of the great news! Class of 2002 alumna Emily Brown has taught graph plane lessons to 4- and 5-year-olds at her daughter’s preschool since 2013. Last March, and Suzanne Tartamella visited the Gettysburg campus and enjoyed their visit. Barbara Meshejian shared news on Jan. 7, 2013 in Ithaca, NY. In Apr., she was named assistant director of career services at Harvard College where she edits both the alumni and prospective students’ magazines. Joseph ‘03 and Kristi Lees Shor had a second child, Miles on Mar. 10, 2013. They live in York, PA. Kristi teaches seventh and eighth grade at a nearby Catholic school. Joe works as a non-perishables manager for a nearby grocery chain. They enjoy watching Wisconsin Badgers football and basketball. Lukowski Long and her family moved to Richmond, VA from Baltimore, MD in 2011. She was hired by PayPal for AT&T, and she stays home with Katlyn. They also have a 7-year-old, Troy. Scott Wild reports that he is married to Rachel, Jackson, and they have one daughter Violet Grace.

2003

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Gettysburg College Class of 2003

Beenie Woydast and husband Joe welcomed baby boy Crosby James on July 29, 2013. He joins big brother Vincent on June 27, 2013. They reside in Alexandria, VA. After maternity leave, she resumed her position as vice president of media relations for the National Association of Chain Drug Stores in Arlington, VA.

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Gettysburg College Class of 2004

Our classmates have had wonderful news and events in their lives. Danielle Ballinger Loveless and husband Tanner moved to Charlotte, SC following their May 2012 wedding in the city. After almost 10 years of teaching music, Danielle made a major career change into the world of entrepreneurship; they started an artisan candy company called Haypenny Confections. It specializes in handmade marshmallows and s’mores. Their products are now available both online and on the shelves of grocery stores in SC, NC, GA, and CT. Matt Miller joined Marketing Works, a Crossmark Company and the leading consumer engagement firm in North America. He is senior account strategist in the company’s NY office. Matt is responsible for driving cross-departmental collaboration and leads the strategic development of client brands’ consumer engagement strategies. He oversees strategy and tactical planning amongst cross-functional partners to ensure a holistic approach to client business and to assist in business development. Dave Thomas still resides in Philadelphia and started working at the Reading Terminal Market in Nov. 2013. He is a recognized as one of the Union’s many success stories. He gets veterans involved in their local communities through social activities and physical fitness. This position was officially promoted to instructor in medicine and assistant director of clinical pharmacology at the University of Medicine, Dartmouth College. Many classmates welcomed new additions to their families! Grant and Liz Mazac Bartlett welcomed their first child Henry Drummond Bartlett on Dec. 22, 2013. Lindsay Morlock is excited to share that Aileen Weisen Shuman had a girl, Sylvia Megan Morris on Mar. 29, 2013, and Whitney Tuttke Klack welcomed her son noah George Geisel in the spring of 2013. Cassandra Pinkens Jewell and husband Mike welcomed daughter Kayleigh Elspeth, born Sept. 30, 2013. Megan Van Kirk Poitras and husband Kevin welcomed a baby boy, Benjamin Frederick, in Dec. 2013. Holly Hogan Taylor and husband Blay are expecting their second child, Ailey, in Apr. 2013. Lastly, when I first agreed to be our class representative 10 years ago, I joked that I would double the class of updates since every 10 years. I can’t believe 10 years has passed since graduating from Gettysburg! I am also happy to announce the Big Brothers Big Sisters (BBBS) of Greater Manchester, and I just purchased a new home in Canterbury, NH. Our 10th Reunion is the Union Leader’s top 40 business professionals in NH under the age of 40. He has work in higher education, nonprofit fields, and my volunteerism throughout NH. My BBBS agency was awarded the NH Program Champion of the Year last fall. If I can do it, you can too! Keep your updates coming. I look forward to seeing you at our Reunion.

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Gettysburg College Class of 2005

Kyle and Jessica Drake Ibbotson welcomed their baby boy Chase Frederick on Nov. 27, 2013. He was very healthy! He is doing great and was the best surprise and gift for the holidays! The Ibbotsons also bought their first home in Saylorsburg, CT. On Sept. 7, 2013, Emily Voss and Steve Light got married near Ithaca, NY. Ryan and Emily reside in Philadelphia. In addition in attendance were: Jeff and Tina Tao Maynes, Chris Mohn, Kyle Schmidt, Anne Kennedy, and Sarah Tedder. On March 3, 2013, and Ashley Tao.

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I hope the winter wasn’t too brutal on everyone, and I am very excited about the possibility of snowstorms. As you can recall, we power through all types of weather har very well! On Sept. 29, 2013, I started my first annual Party for Poppy K charity golf
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Zach Hastings ’08, Ben White ’08, 610-914-9336

Basement Hottie.

Casa Ybel Resort in Sanibel Island, FL.

Paul Mojica on Jan. 25 on the beach of Cabo San Lucas.

the world from ugly weddings. The started her own events company, Blue

three sold-out trapeze and aerial exhibitions, Ethosphere, curated by

at Galleria U, Wroclaw, Poland, Solo Exhibition, Jacobs & Dunham, Complication &

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that this time around, but I am pleased to report

Reunion gift! There are not many updates

for a safe and happy summer!

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Mildred D. Johnson '33

Mildred D. “Dimi” Johnson, 102, died Feb. 18 at the Gettysburg Lutheran Retirement Home. Born in York, PA, Dimi graduated from Gettysburg College in 1933 with degrees in history and English. While on campus, Dimi participated in Owl and Nightingale, the Gettysburgian, and Delta Gamma Sorority. After raising her family, Dimi became very active at Gettysburg College, serving as the dean of women and executive assistant to the President. During the period of time when President Dwight Eisenhower recuperated from his heart attack in Gettysburg, Dimi was his administrative aide. Following his retirement, Dimi continued her association with the College in both the alumni office and the student infirmary. For her lifetime achievements and their longtime commitment to Gettysburg College.

Rev. William C. Karns Jr. ’32

The Rev. William C. “Bill” Karns Jr. died on Dec. 29, 2013, then Gettysburg College’s oldest living alum at the age of 104. At the time of his death, Bill was a resident at Utz Terrace in Hanover, PA, but was formerly from Littlestown, PA, where he served as pastor of St. John’s Lutheran Church for more than 20 years. He was also the oldest living graduate of the Gettysburg Lutheran Seminary and the oldest retired rostered leader in the Lower Susquehanna Synod.

Bill graduated from Gettysburg College in 1932 with a degree in English and participated in men’s track and wrestling while he was a student. After being licensed to preach by the Allegheny Synod in 1954, Bill graduated from the Gettysburg Lutheran Seminary in 1958. Following ordination, Bill served as pastor in Somerset County, PA, and later Holy Trinity Lutheran Church in Abington, PA. During his pastorate in Abington, he assisted in the establishment and organizing of two new mission congregations under the direction of the Board of Home Missions of the Lutheran Church in America.

While serving as pastor in Littlestown from 1952-1975, Bill served on the Board of Home Missions and Rural Church and the Stewardship Committee of the Central Pennsylvania Synod. He was also Secretary of the Hanover District of the Central PA Synod. Bill was active in the community, having served as president of the Littlestown Lions Club and as Chairman of the Littlestown Senior Center.

John Kenneth Rigby ’36

Another centenarian, John K. Rigby, passed away Jan. 15 in Atlanta, GA, at the age of 100. John received a BA in mathematics from Gettysburg College in 1936. While on campus, he participated in football and wrestling and was a member of the Lambda Chi Alpha fraternity.

According to his family, he loved receiving news of Gettysburg College and spoke of his undergraduate years with great affection.
“Do Great Work” is terrific advice for students and alumni alike—for our careers and for our volunteer work.

Just eleven miles south of Gettysburg at the National Fire Academy is a simple yet stirring monument. Topped by a Maltese cross, a traditional symbol of the fire service, the monument is the site of the national memorial service held each year to honor those career, volunteer, wildland, and military firefighters who die in the line of duty.

As a fresh-faced congressional staffer, one of my first assignments for then-Senator Paul Sarbanes of Maryland was convincing Congress and the White House to designate that monument as the official national memorial for firefighters killed in the line of duty, our country’s official tribute to these fallen heroes.

My three-year effort to win approval of that bill introduced me to every major organization in the fire service, including the International Association of Fire Fighters, the National Fire Protection Association, the International Association of Fire Chiefs, and the Maryland State Firemen’s Association, among others. My relationships with these amazing partners made me realize that there was much more that could, and should, be done to assist the families of these heroes.

Working with Senator Sarbanes and Representative Steny Hoyer, we drafted and pushed through legislation to create the National Fallen Firefighters Foundation.

Now more than twenty-one years later, the foundation is a major force that runs the national memorial service, provides counseling as well as a multitude of other services for survivors, and leads a successful national campaign to reduce firefighter fatalities and improve their overall health and safety. What started as a simple legislative assignment has become what I consider a key part of my “great work.”

Today, I am the longest serving member of the board and its treasurer. I also continue to serve, as I have for twenty years, as the chair of our scholarship committee, which has awarded nearly $3 million to children and spouses of these fallen heroes. Thanks to thousands of volunteers and our amazing staff, the National Fallen Firefighters Foundation has made a real difference in the lives of thousands of survivors.

Senator Sarbanes put it best when he keynoted the 1990 dedication, saying: “In recent years, many people have bemoaned our country’s lack of national heroes. What they fail to realize is that we do have heroes in every fire hall across this land.”

For additional information, please visit www.firehero.org, or, the next time you are on campus, take the twenty-minute trip down to the National Fallen Firefighters Memorial, right off of Route 15 in Emmitsburg, Maryland.

Seth Statler ’83 serves as Associate Administrator of NASA for Legislative and Intergovernmental Affairs and a board member of the College Park (Maryland) Volunteer Fire Department.

“Herons in every fire hall”

Seth Statler, ‘83 (podium) with President George W. Bush and firefighter families.
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