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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
Becca 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—volunteer 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. I 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.

This is the story I share with students often to encourage them to know that often in life we have to fight for the alternative visions we have crafted. This is my second year at Gettysburg College, and I am having the time of my life. I teach courses on globalization, the intersections of postcoloniality and race, gender and identity, human rights, and education for social change. I share my experiences about growing up as a very poor kid in Trinidad and Tobago, clinging to the only possession they 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!

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What makes a great...Zoo?

Zooes 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.

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.

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Ann Elefterakis ’99 and zoo visitors learned what it is like to have bat ears during the touring “Masters of the Night” exhibit at the San Francisco Zoo last fall.
Only a few people have access to the government’s best-kept secrets, said David Fort ’00 is one of them. 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). The Freedom of Information Act provides for the right to access disclosed governmental documents. A wealth of information is readily disclosed—even available online. But with nine statutory exemptions (for reasons such as national defense, foreign policy, or law enforcement) and a huge volume of material, what may look black and white at first has many shades of gray. And that’s when Fort and his team go to work.

He said their responsibilities include looking at incoming FOIA/MDR requests and determining whether the materials can easily be declassified or need to go into our processing queue to be worked. “They decide using both agency guidance and individual judgment if—or when—it is appropriate to release the requested information. Fort credits the critical thinking skills he gained in college for helping him scrutinize work processes, improve productivity within his team, and use technology effectively. He works with some fascinating documents. “Possibly the most interesting records I have been able to work with were some World War I secret ink documents,” Fort said. “Those documents were over 90 years old when we declassified them for public viewing. A second project that has been especially interesting is reviewing documents relating to Nazi war criminals. Over the past few years, our office has seen a number of requests for report files from the late 1940s-1950s from the Department of the Army’s Investigative Records Repository detailing how possible former Nazi officers and other party members were treated following World War II. “The United States is one of the few countries that allows such open access to the documents relating to our history. Requests are made by researchers throughout the U.S. and the world,” Fort said.

—by Macy Collins ’14

In January, Brendan Ripp became publisher of Sports Illustrated and its SI.com website. A fourteen-year veteran of Time, Inc., Ripp had been vice president for sales and marketing at Fortune magazine and held the publisher posts at Money and TIME. The Phi Sigma Kappa brother majored in management and economics and now serves on the College’s Communications and Marketing Advisory Council (CMAC).

Why Gettysburg College?

In 1995, I had no idea what I wanted to be when I “grew up.” Back then, high school guidance counselors were still telling young people like me that a liberal arts education would provide “a strong foundation” for whatever I decided to pursue. I listened to them—and Gettysburg accepted me.

Was publishing your first stop after graduation?

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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

To HONOR Norman O. Forness, one of the best professors I had while a student at Gettysburg College, and Chris Clifford, teammate and friend.

Andrew Stephen Buck ’00

My grandfather, Donald Harman ’58, GP’14, was also a SCHOLARSHIP recipient and I couldn’t be prouder to follow in his footsteps.

Athena L. Mandros ’14

O
n 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
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 placenatas 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 Andersen '14, Carly Sterez '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 neonatalogist," said Andersen, a music and psychology major.

"The students made connections with other researchers and students, which helped them achieve new perspectives on their career goals."

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 Pictues: 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 careers@gettysburg.edu or 717-337-6616 to learn about the Career Connector Challenge.

Lured by the lore of the West

Horse thief, gambler, lawman—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 gunfight that captures the imaginations and blurs the lines between the good guys and bad guys of the American West.

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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.”

Our “Turning the tables” feature turned up other alums who are finding happiness on a road less traveled. 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 Glarefelter 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....”

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 Genzel ’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 Harrisburg Patriot-News. “Brusied 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 to Gettysburg College....”

Gettysburg College and Philadelphia Future 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.

Frey: 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.
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’s a waiting list of students to participate in the program through which 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 these 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 Bonita Springs 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 Bonita’s tourism industry, which cares primarily to visitors 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 exult 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 Mandra ’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 must 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 in the real world 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.”

“Public policy has always been a big interest for my family and me,” said Peter Seiden. As a student, Seiden was mentored by political science professor, Ken Mott, and over the years, this mentorship has evolved into a friendship. The two often discuss how to provide engaging public policy opportunities for students. Seiden and his family’s I.W. Foundation have supported public policy experiences since 1993—most notably through the Seiden-Levi Public Policy Seminar. In 2012, through Gettysburg Great: The Campaign for Our College, they gave $720,000 to endow one of The Eisenhower Institute’s Expert-in-Residence programs.

While his gift currently supports the Environmental Leadership Program, Seiden anticipates growth into other fields. “Health, welfare, homelessness—the draws are endless. There are all sorts of things that the students and the College could be looking at,” he said.

Seiden calls upon his fellow alumni to join him. “Gettysburg College needs to be at the forefront of this—and people need to understand that it takes money,” he said. “We’re not only, hopefully, enhancing society—but also the students and the value of a Gettysburg College degree. It should be a no-brainer; let’s build this up.”
They traveled more than 21,000 miles over winter break to visit four cities in China—Beijing, X'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.

Winds to the East

1. The Bell Tower of X'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. Mary Pearce '16, Emily Wakschal '16, Meg Sutter '16, and Hannah Barnett '16 (left to right) tried the Shanghai potato twists.

5. Highlights of the group’s time in X'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. The marquis overhead reads "Welcome Gettysburg College Sunderman Conservatory of Music Exchange Performance."

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.
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.

T. Stevens, courtesy of The Library of Congress

Laying the foundation:
Thaddeus Stevens

Thaddeus 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.

Gettingburg 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 Gratzfeather 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.
A special collection: John H. W. Stuckenberg

Perspective is invaluable. No one knew this better than John H. W. Stuckenberg. A writer, traveler, and Army chaplain, he 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. The rare collection includes handcrafted works from renowned cartographers Willem Janszoon Blaeu (1571-1638), Matthäus Seutter (1678-1756), and Tobias Conrad Lotter (1717-1777).

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 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).

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.

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, 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.
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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.

Working space

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.

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.

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.

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.

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 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.

Speechless
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.
Jimmy Nguyen ’15 plans to go to medical school and he also loves music. He didn’t know if he could balance pursuing his passion while also working to earn a biology degree at Gettysburg College.

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.

In 1998, Doug Black ’94 lost his battle with an exceptionally aggressive cancer. “Those of us who knew Dougie are grateful for our fond memories of a unique individual of unparalleled integrity who brought joy and kindness to everyone he met.

“To keep the Phi Sigma Kappa brother’s memory and spirit alive, the Doug Black Foundation was established in 1999. Each spring, several hundred alumni and a number of Black’s high school friends gather in his honor at the annual ForeDougie golf tournament.

“Thus far, more than $135,000 has been donated in Doug’s name to scholarships for scholar-athletes, the Ronald McDonald House, the Make-A-Wish Foundation, and the Lance Armstrong Foundation.”

LaVanway, Wes Bartlett ’94, Karen Kroehler ’94, and Chris Carbone ’94 help to keep the event—and Doug’s memory—strong. The website forsdougie.org offers additional information.

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.
Big Picture

On April 7 the bell in Glatfelter Hall chimed 18 times—once for each decade since the College’s founding.

1939
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1941
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Greetings from cold, cold Grburg! 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. 13, 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 his alma mater, and then, for 33 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 WWI 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.

1942
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1949
65th Reunion Year
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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 has three: Richard W. Dutrey, Carlisle, PA; William F. Green, Monroes, GA; and Harry F. Rote Jr., Eustis, FL. I have the full obituaries and will be happy to send them on if anyone wishes to call or email me. I’ll claim editor’s privilege and use a bit of space to tell you all that I’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.

1951
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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 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 Helen Jones Award for dedicated service to the community. Charles is survived by his wife, Helen; a son, Daniel; a daughter, Ena 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, Jeffery Ruby and Melissa Dugan, and grandchildren Kaitlin and Erik Ruby and David Dugan. Richard “Dick” Cadmus also died in
December. After serving in Korea in the Army, Dick got to Gettysburg College because he was active in the swim team. He was married to Valerie for 56 years before her passing in 2020. Dick and Valerie enjoyed traveling with their children both in Europe and the United States. Dick was an agent for the Prudential Insurance Co. for 25 years in northern Palm Beach County. Dick left brother, David ’58; son, Scott; daughter, Dina; grandchildren, Kara and Kyle Quinn; and great-granddaughter Kyle Quinn. That’s our news; please write me about what you are doing!

1953
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Greetings from your new class correspondent. A big thank you goes to Jo Sierer Fournet who served us for many years. I will try to fit her shoes. To update you on the King family, Larry ’50, our son Steve ’80, and daughter Erin ’93, also graduated from Gettysburg. They also celebrated the holidays with us. Among the missing were the two most recent classmates to report. Dr. Melita Tan together with her husband have relocated from Gettysburg to Fargo, North Dakota, and Austin (TX) for their grandchildren both in Europe and the United States. Dick was an agent for the Prudential Insurance Co. for 25 years in northern Palm Beach County. Dick left brother, David ’58; son, Scott; daughter, Dina; grandchildren, Kara and Kyle Quinn; and great-granddaughter Kyle Quinn. That’s our news; please write me about what you are doing!

1954
60th Reunion Year
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During the last few years a few letters earlier than usual arrive from a long time friend, Nelson Sadoff. Nelson writes that he and his wife Kila Choo ’51 had traveled to the United Kingdom and to several countries in the Mediterranean and then to the Caribbean. He writes that his next trip will take him to England to visit their daughter, Sarah. Next spring, another friend, Jim Blythe, will be visiting us in Connecticut and will bring us some wonderful news from you to keep these notes active. I challenge all sorority women to send me news for the next issue. Our 60th Reunion will take place May 29-June 1 2023. Let’s carpet our reunion with our classmates and include this message in our notes for the next issue. Our 60th Reunion will take place May 29-June 1 2023. Let’s carpet our reunion with our classmates and include this message in our notes for the next issue.

1955
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Continuing his political activism in retirement, Don Hatfield is a frequent visitor to Schuette’s efforts to tell his present efforts. With the help of a member of NIH Senator Jeff Merkley, Don is working toward a symposium that will engage NIH faith and community leaders. They will be enlisted to discuss the moral imperative for congressional action on climate disruption. He’s been involved in similar projects on behalf of the poor. As I seek sources of information for this column, Elaine Newgarden clamed that “our country has no Christmas letters” did Garrison Keillor’s “Lake Wobegon” stand in your life for your Russian heritage? Nonetheless, 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 visit the Black Forest. They also attended the Alumni Association’s dinner in Budapest. In October, they will be driving Heidelberg to Amsterdam. They look forward to a Bermuda cruise in spring. Their plans are to visit their son’s family in Singapore, visit his sister in Canada, and see her husband who will be driving them to see his family in Canada. They look forward to seeing other members of Gettysburg’s Class of ’57 who have also retired to southwest FL. Both pleasure and business will have a social at Glatfelter Lodge from 7-9 p.m. On Saturday, there will be the Heritage Luncheon at noon, followed by a dinner for Dallas, Houston, and Austin, TX, and then present a workshop at the 7th Annual Positive Aging Conference in Sarasota. His topic is “Is the Land of Forgetting: Engaging Spirituality with Dementia Care.” He expects that his topic will make for a follow-up publication to his book, Tears in Bottle: Reflections on Alzheimer’s Caregiving. The ever-flowing stream that bears us all away has claimed two of our classmates: James Fuller died in Nov. 2011, and John Al Comery died in July 2012. The other is Joseph W. Blitry, Jr. After graduation, Joe signed with the Baltimore Orioles and spent one season in the minors. He was then drafted into the U.S. Army. He served his military service by earning a master’s degree at Western MD College. He taught physical education and health at South Western High School for 35 years. He also served as athletic director and coached baseball in California and Arizona for 15 years. Joe officiated basketball at both the high school and college levels. In 1998, he was inducted into the South-Central Chapter of the PA Sports Hall of Fame. We extend our sympathies to their families.

1958
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1959
55th Reunion Year
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As I spend a cold winter day writing my notes for the spring issue of the magazine, I am reminded of our 55th Reunion soon in April. It will be good to have that time together. Dr. John N. Moore, Jr. retired as U.S. Army Colonel, passed away in Apr. 2013. John was a member of Phi Sigma, and a biologi...
1960
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I had my third replacement of my right hip, but thing is a lot better. I am back to the computer to write these notes. Rod has been an angel. Nancy, narg and Allen are Judy and Cuffman Bauroth answered my call for stories of the activities that have been meaningful and joyful for them. During the 10 years that they have lived in FL a group in their church began the tradition of a Thanksgiving dinner for shut-ins, homeless people, migrant farm workers, and the elderly. The first year, they provided over 7800 meals. They cook them at the church and deliver them to various locations. Alan and another man roast the turkeys. They start five days before Thanksgiving at 6 am. Last year, they roasted 7 turkeys—a “tough for a couple of old men,” Alan said. “I do it every year!” Judy packs the meals for delivery. Sue Walton Palmer has been a member of a volunteer CPR/ AED group for over 50 community for the past 9 years. “We are recycled every year by the Red Cross, and we are on call one day a month to help with any help in need within our community,” Sue said. “I am the co-chair for the group, which means I help plan and set up all meetings and events. We have a health fair once a year where we bring in many doctors to see our class classmates look for information. I am often asked to give speeches on the benefits of CPR and the importance of becoming a master entertainer and remained for her generosity and thoughtfulness. I also remember our frequent in-depth discussions about the Civil War. As I have aged, I have become a history buff, and I would love to just have one more discussion with my dear classmate. Our condolences and prayers are to Peter and his family. Peter is planning a memorial service for Nancy sometime this year. Rest in peace, dear friend. No more troubles. I hope we will all meet again.”

1962
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I got my first job and the joy. Please tell me your stories. I know whom came reluctantly to give an hour or two of their time for the college of William and Mary Road Scholar program. She does nine tours a year and manages her days full of people with the College and eight Virginia professors. She and husband Skip ‘81 travel together. So we move in St. Andrews, Scotland, yearly. Their last trip was to Italy, and they spent most of their time in their pine Creek, PA. They have six grand-children and are busy grandparents. They say: “If I were younger I would do it all again!”

1965
Ginny Russo Lang
In June, the college football games take place and enjoy sailing and traveling, mostly on cruises. He keeps up a lasting friendship with John Beeman, his sophomore roommate, getting together yearly for sailing and family events. I’m saddened to see D health hopes “Join” Nickell Jakober on Jan. 7 in Herndon, VA. Our condolences to family and friends. DID YOU KNOW that Holly tapped a leg with her umbrella at the ATO house?

1963
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Jo Drem Graham
and husband Tom are retired physicians. She was on the medicine faculty at the U of Pittsburgh for 43 years. She was an internist and gastroenterologist, but her career is best defined as a clinician-educator. She is also a hub for kids and eight grandkids. He lives in Philadelphia. A trip to China is on the schedule. Betsy Slaybaugh Reed and Howard are off to Scotland and Ireland this summer. Al Hallam and Angela celebrated their 45th anniversary. Their daughter is a law professor at George Washington U, and their son is a senior vice president with Citibank. Al retired 5 years ago. He’s at the Reunion too. Bonnie Salango Wilson left Gettysburg after her sophomore year and transferred to the School of Foreign Service at Georgetown. She obtained her PhD at Johns Hopkins School of Advanced International Studies (SAIS), another SAIS graduate, and had two daughters. For the last 20 years, she has been a dean at SAIS, dealing with studying international relations. She is looking forward to our 50th Reunion. Art Johnson was in Qatar with a group of Vanguard students making a presentation to the Supreme Committee regarding increasing participation in girls’ soccer, ages 7 to 16, his taught marketing and advertising at Vanderbilt for the past 6 years after a long career in the advertising industry. My husband, Howard, are off to Scotland and Ireland this summer. Our thoughts go out to Kathy in La. A legendery educator and coach in south Jersey was married to a retired professor. The Snyders were married for 27 years.

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1966
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Jeff Smith retired 3 years ago from a career in IT management and programming. He is the current president of the Lutheran Theological Seminary in Philadelphia. A trip to China is on the schedule. Betsy Slaybaugh Reed and Howard are off to Scotland and Ireland this summer. Al Hallam and Angela celebrated their 45th anniversary. Their daughter is a law professor at George Washington U, and their son is a senior vice president with Citibank. Al retired 5 years ago. He’s at the Reunion too. Bonnie Salango Wilson left Gettysburg after her sophomore year and transferred to the School of Foreign Service at Georgetown. She obtained her PhD at Johns Hopkins School of Advanced International Studies (SAIS), another SAIS graduate, and had two daughters. For the last 20 years, she has been a dean at SAIS, dealing with studying international relations. She is looking forward to our 50th Reunion. Art Johnson was in Qatar with a group of Vanguard students making a presentation to the Supreme Committee regarding increasing participation in girls’ soccer, ages 7 to 16, his taught marketing and advertising at Vanderbilt for the past 6 years after a long career in the advertising industry. My husband, Howard, are off to Scotland and Ireland this summer. Our thoughts go out to Kathy in La. A legendery educator and coach in south Jersey was married to a retired professor. The Snyders were married for 27 years.

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Gail Seygal has four children and two grandchildren. When not teaching, she plays in bands, directed choir at the Gaver Free Church, and volunteered at a soup kitchen. She now lives on the Gaver Road in Gettysburg. She and her husband, Bob McFarland, are into scuba diving. Gail reports that her oldest daughter Kathryn got married last July. Fred’s a member of our 45th Reunion Committee and is looking forward to seeing many of our classmates at the end of May. Stephen Nealon had his fifth book, College Presidents Reflect: Life In and Out of the Ivory Tower, published in Dec (see page 4). It is available at the College’s bookstores, as well as other online retailers. Updates on happenings at and, around, or about G-burg include Mary’s cousins.

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Gotteburg College Class of 1968
Betsy Bender Griffiths and husband Jon 96 are marking their 25th 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 sing with the College/ community choir. Two of their four grandchildren are in nearby Frederick (MD) and the youngest 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 Fredrickson. Peter lost a battle with kidney cancer in Dec. He spent most of his career as a high school counselor and basketball coach in Berwyn, PA. Our thoughts and prayers are with his family and friends.

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It’s 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 member of our 45th Reunion Committee and is looking forward to seeing many of our classmates at the end of May. Stephen Nealon had his fifth book, College Presidents Reflect: Life In and Out of the Ivory Tower, published in Dec (see page 4). It is available at the College’s bookstores, as well as other online retailers. Updates on happenings at and, around, or about G-burg include take-home items.

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Judy Lauer worked for 30 years as a law librarian with the NYS court system. She retired in 2012, and she loves every moment 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 and friends. 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 finance technology business, including having his own business in CA for 10 years. He has worked hard to get himself in good enough shape to travel as much as possible. His bucket list includes a trip to Rome, a safari and a trip to Sydney and Singapore. He’s lost weight this year and is looking forward to the upcoming year and new projects.

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Class of 1974
The Battle, the College, and one of our alumna Linda Lundler Luebke’s (lluebkle@utexas.edu) daughter Mary was contacted to write an article on the Battle of Gettysburg for the commemorative magazine, Gettysburg: 150th Anniversary, that was issued by 15-Publishing. Peter is a graduate of the College of William and Mary and a PhD candidate at UVA, focusing on Civil War studies. Bruce and Barb Turner White’s daughter Haley ‘15 participated in Semester at Sea for her junior fall semester abroad. Barb and Bruce traveled to London in Aug to launch her from Southampton. In lieu of Parents Weekend, they met the ship in Cape Town, South Africa where they did a safari and toured Robben Island. Mary and Gary Barone visited Sydney and Melbourne in Dec. Mary’s cousins hosted them, I was able to participate in the Gettysburg Symphony and the 150th Anniversary Symphony tour of China (Beijing, Xian, Shanghai, and Suzhou) and Singapore (see pages 18-19). I climbed the Wall and saw the terra cotta warriors. I hope that I’ll see all of you at our 40th Reunion that get ready to party!)

1975
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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. 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. Elwood Woody Christ passed away on Jan 10. We’re writing to his Ma in American studies from Penn State U and was a well-known local historian as well as a well-known local historian as well as a well-known local historian. He is survived by his wife and sons from a previous marriage, Chris and Paul IV. The family asked that donations be made to the Renaissance Entertainers staff and the yearbook at the University of Pennsylvania for the 15th Anniversary commemorative magazine, Gettysburg: 150th Anniversary, that was issued by 15-Publishing. Peter is a graduate of the College of William and Mary and a PhD candidate at UVA, focusing on Civil War studies. Bruce and Barb Turner White’s daughter Haley ‘15 participated in Semester at Sea for her junior fall semester abroad. Barb and Bruce traveled to London in Aug to launch her from Southampton. In lieu of Parents Weekend, they met the ship in Cape Town, South Africa where they did a safari and toured Robben Island. Mary and Gary Barone visited Sydney and Melbourne in Dec. Mary’s cousins hosted them, I was able to participate in the Gettysburg Symphony and the 150th Anniversary Symphony tour of China (Beijing, Xian, Shanghai, and Suzhou) and Singapore (see pages 18-19). I climbed the Wall and saw the terra cotta warriors. I hope that I’ll see all of you at our 40th Reunion that get ready to party!)

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Gettysburg College Class of 1976

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This is George White’s last notes column as the Class of ’79 correspondent. The College thanks George for his dedication and service. Dianne Lappe Cooney will assume the role of correspondent. Thank you.

It’s been exactly 10 years since I took on this class notes assignment and it’s been a pleasure. I hope you are able to remember back in the day how vital a news source the CUB’s news pulse was to everyone on campus. I remember our own Dianne Lappe Cooney doing a superb job for a long-tenured correspondent. Back then, all she had to work with was her good humor, patience, a typewriter, and all the scribbled announcements left in her mailbox. With this being my final column, I’m happy to announce Dianne is our new class correspondent. Her first column will be in the next issue. Please reach out to her directly or through our class Facebook page.

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Gettysburg College Class of 1980
John Cipollini was promoted to the western division at Morrison Management Associates in Sept, resulting in a move from the city life in Chicago to the western life in Denver. John’s wife, and son love the CO life. From what I see on Facebook, he and I agree with all of you! Class news is again being shared on our Facebook page. Please send me your updates by email or message me on our Facebook page directly or through our class Facebook page.

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Gettysburg College Class of ’81— celebrating 10 years of service

Linda L. Brown, a 1979 graduate, is celebrating 10 years of service as the executive director of the College’s Office of Private Gifts. Brown oversaw the successful planning and launch of the Centennial Campaign at Gettysburg College, which raised $221 million and established a scholarship in her honor.

Gettysburg is hosting the 2014 NCAA Division III Women’s Lacrosse Championships this April 24-26, and a couple of couples took a road trip through the Midwest stopping at many barbeque eateries.

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

Wendy Kemp is still in Rochester, NY as working an accountant and office manager for her husband’s flooring business. Her recent appearance at the U of Pittsburgh—Bradford and plays baseball. They played the Bulets in FL over spring break! Wendy much enjoys her 2 grandchildren as well. On the business front, Bob Garthwait’s Cly- Del company was part of a four- company merger, leaving Bob as CEO of Cly-Del (now the new umbrella). Congratulations on this new adventure, Bob! Jen Fisher Bryant’s book, A Valentine, was selected by the National Council of Teachers of English as the recipient of a Gettysburg College 2013 Outstanding Nonfiction for Children. There’s no stopping you, Jen! Jim and Nancy Sanderson’s 33rd Curry live in the St. Louis suburbs for the third time. Jim is pricing director for Sian Stacis, and Nancy is a freelance writer specializing in environmental and health topics. She and her husband 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 Alumnus 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 was an executive administrator and pastor of a large multi-ethnic 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 BNY Mellon and is a member of the WA State Bar Association. He is recognized as leading an enthusiastic advocate for vulnerable and incapacitated persons. He is a partner in the law firm of both Cly-Del and the new Theis Group, & Young. Their youngest son Sean is 18 years old. Robyn Ciradino Strokock, after attending the Reunion, was in a terrible car accident and has been making steady recovery since then, and from those who I corresponded, 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 Conder and Ray Conder reconnected this fall and got married Aug 31, 2013 at Christ Chapel at Gettysburg College. You may remember they were a couple as freshmores in 1982-83. Ray was living in Louisville, KY and Julie was in Indianapolis when he “found her.”
Greetings, Class of ‘86. I hope all is well with you and your families. John Harris wrote: “Despite my personnel stint as a student at Gettysburg, I am pleased to note that my nephew Ned Hughes was accepted early decision and will attend Gettysburg College as a member of the Class of 2018.” Thank you, John. I am sure you will closely monitor Ned throughout his 4-year career at Gettysburg! Social media group HNN designated the book, No Reservations by Todd Gothberg, a ‘Hot New Book’ for 2014. The second publishing of his book has already sold out, and the third set is in the printing press. Way to go, Todd! In Nov 2013, a group of our classmates attended a birthday bash for Chris Miller in the MadFox Brewing Company in Falls Church, which was organized by our very own Bill Madden in attendance from the Class of ‘86 was Paul Bailey. Bill Madden, Tom Thistle, Pat Hannah, Chris Miller, Eric Handler, Mike Feuer, Jeff Thompson, Chuck Drewbaugh, Robin Harling, Carl Nicolek, and Gail Pounds. Sounds like everybody had a wonderful time. Happy Birthday, Chris. That’s all the news that I have to share. Please remember to send updates. It is always great to hear from you.

1986

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Gettysburg College Class of ‘86-Page Class Reunion

Happy spring, all! Gordon started a new job last month! Linda McLain in touch with 108. She completed her first career. Sara started her second term this year as a city council member in Richmond. The commencement speaker this year will be Flora Daripino, the 1st woman to head the JustParticipate General. She will receive an honorary degree along with ELCA Bishop Calvin Holloway. 76 and music great Dave Davis. Make sure your calendar is marked for the Reunion—May 29 to June 11.

1992

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Gettysburg College Class of 1992

Happy spring class! ‘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 McLain. Gina Gabriele was elected an at-large member of the governing board for the Federal AIDS Policy Partnership, a national coalition of local, regional, and national organizations advocating for progressive federal HIV/AIDS legislation and policy. She has worked at the Office of HIV Planning in Philadelphia for over 11 years in various positions, currently as the senior health planner. Over the course of Doc, she organized a donation drive (backpacks, winter clothing, toiletries, and school supplies) to help the local community. In December, she led a donation drive for the 250 least fortunate families at the Student Run Emergency Housing Unit of Philadelphia. She credits the success of the drive, in large part, to many fellow Gettysburg alumni. Who would have thought that your support for the Drive would translate into a strong sense of community and philanthropy? That’s what we try to instill in our students. Thanks for your continued support.

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I am hoping that warmer weather will entice more of you to share news for next time. Come on, write to me!

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Gettysburg College Class of 2000

Gettysburg College Class of 1999

Happy spring, class! This is an important time of year to reflect on your college experience. What were some of your favorite memories from your time at Gettysburg? Who were some of your favorite professors or classmates? What lessons or skills did you gain from your college education? How have those lessons or skills helped you in your current profession or personal life? (co-authored with five others) was released. I hope you and yours are having a terrific 2014. Please send me any and all news before the next issue!

1997

Amy E. Tarallo
MHC

Gettysburg College Class of 1997

Happy Birthday, Church. I am hoping that warmer weather will entice more of you to share news for next time. Come on, write to me!
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, Sydney resumed her position as vice president of media relations for the National Association of Chain Drug Stores in Arlington, VA.

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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. Our Reunion dates are May 29-June 1. Please keep the news coming.

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Gettysburg College Class of 2000

Jason and Nicole Hammerstrom

Vishio welcomed their first child

Brecken R. Vishio in Mar. 2012. They have a large certified stroke center at MedStar Washington Hospital Center.

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Gettysburg College Class of 2001

Erica Deagney Magley and husband Eric welcomed son Chase David on June 27, 2013. Joining big brother Dean Vincent, 3-year-old Finley. They are in Madison, WI. Anna Chongpinitchai was elected to the Mt. Airy (MD) City Council where she edits both the alumni newsletter and the school paper.

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Gettysburg College Class of 2002

Thanks for all of the great news. Class of 2002 alumna Jennifer Brown lives with a man and 4-legged friend in the Netherlands. She taught English on the south coast of France. Hoffnamed HaaLok

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Gettysburg College Class of 2003

Erica Bogen Wayant and husband Joe welcomed baby boy Crosby James on July 29, 2013. Joining big brother Jackson, 3-year-old Jack. Rev. Samantha Vincent Alexander ’99 was awarded her Ph.D. in Cognitive Psychology.

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10th Reunion Year

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Gettysburg College Class of 2004

Our classmates have had wonderful news in their events in life. Danielle Ballinger Loveless and husband Tanner moved to Charleston, SC following their May 2012 wedding in her 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 homemade marshmallows and s’mores. Their products are now available both online and on the shelves of gourmet 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 driving the strategic development of client brands’ consumer engagement strategies. He oversees engagement strategies 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’s been involved with a veterans’ support organization called Team RWB, which helps veterans involved in their local communities through social activities and physical fitness. The Philadelphia team was officially promoted to instructor for driving cross-departmental engagement strategies and for being cross-functional partners to ensure a holistic approach to client business and to assist in business development. Holly Woodhead got married near Itasca, NY. Ryan is a Navy officer and the best man. Also in attendance were: Jeff and Tina Tao Maynes, Chris Mohn, Kyle Schmidt, Kevin Kane, Karen Mancini, Derek ’03 and Carolyn Kratz Moatz, Jeanette Myers McDowell, and Ashley Demetri Doss. Following the wedding, Emily and Steve relocated to Charlottesville, VA. Steve works at Thomas Jefferson’s Monticello and Emily works at Madison’s Montpelier.

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Gettysburg College Class of 2005

Kyle and Jessica Drake Ibbittson welcomed their baby boy Chase Frederick on Nov. 27, 2013. We wish you all the best! They have a new home in Sandy Hook, CT. On Sept. 7, 2013, Emily Voss and Steve Light got married near Itasca, NY. Ryan is a Navy officer and the best man. Also in attendance were: Jeff and Tina Tao Maynes, Chris Mohn, Kyle Schmidt, Kevin Kane, Karen Mancini, Derek ’03 and Carolyn Kratz Moatz, Jeanette Myers McDowell, and Ashley Demetri Doss. Following the wedding, Emily and Steve relocated to Charlottesville, VA. Steve works at Thomas Jefferson’s Monticello and Emily works at Madison’s Montpelier.

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I hope the winter wasn’t too brutal on everyone. We had a few snowstorms. As you can recall, we power through all types of weather here! On Nov. 29, 2013, Monique attended her annual party for Poppa K charity golf
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Served as groomsmen. Other alumni Zach Hastings ’08, Ben White ’08, Jennifer Barron ’06, Joseph Gurreri ’08, David Crumplar ’08, and Derin Wilson ’08. The newlyweds welcomed their first child, Madeline Anna, on Sept. 20, 2013, and the happy couple honeymooned in HI Road 20910.

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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 her retirement, Dimi continued her association with the College in both the alumni office and the student infirmary. For her efforts, she received the Gettysburg College Alumni Meritorious Service Award in 1951.

Dimi was also involved in the founding of what is now known as the Adams County Library and she was a member of the American Association of University Women. She was an avid bridge player, playing in several groups, and also served in the Adams County Library and she was a member of the American Association of University Women. She was known as the Adams County Library and she was a member of the American Association of University Women. She was known as the Adams County Library and she was a member of the American Association of University Women. She was known as the Adams County Library and she was a member of the American Association of University Women. She was known as the Adams County Library and she was a member of the American Association of University Women. She was known as the Adams County Library and she was a member of the American Association of University Women. She was known as the Adams County Library and she was a member of the American Association of University Women.

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“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.

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