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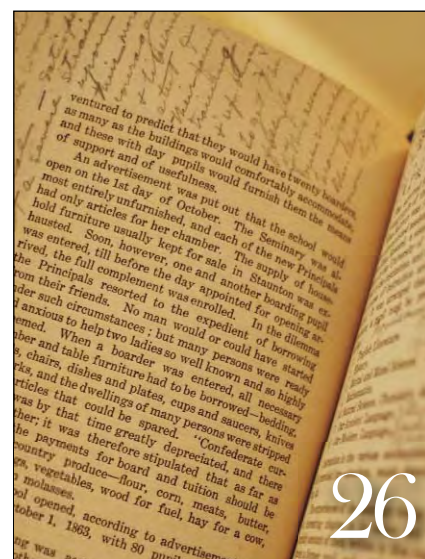
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ABOUT THIS PHOTO: New Mary Baldwin College students join student leaders, faculty, and staff in an annual candlelight ceremony that marks the close of orientation activities ... and the start of their MBC adventure.



FROM THE President's Desk

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Our Mary Baldwin College in 2009–10 is both a college of the future and one with a rich and remarkable past. We have boldly faced challenges, welcomed opportunities, and created our way forward for nearly 170 years. That is why I enjoy sharing the stories of our history so much ... and one of many reasons why I have such great faith in our future.

Some of the most meaningful stories are told through the voices of students, both former and current. In this issue of *The Mary Baldwin College Magazine*, tributes to beloved professors Mary Humphreys and Jack Kibler feature student voices that demonstrate how remarkable these teachers were, and how their influence extended beyond the classroom. Each was a shining example of all that is best about the committed MBC faculty and the mentoring relationships professors forge with their students. We celebrate their lives and their many contributions to Mary Baldwin and to the world. Another student voice reaches us in this issue from more than a century ago: We learn interesting tidbits about our second founder, Mary Julia Baldwin, from original notes written by one of her former students, Augusta Bumgardner. How the notes came to light is an interesting story in itself.

Students in action are the focus of other inspiring stories. One of my favorites, related by Dr. Patricia H. Menk in *To Live in Time: Sesquicentennial History of Mary Baldwin College 1842–1992*, shows how students came together to get a job done for the benefit of all. In 1967, after the new Grafton Library was built, two huge planters needed to be filled with 21 tons of dirt, but there was no access for a delivery truck. So “the student body formed a brigade, filling two-gallon receptacles from the dirt dumped in the faculty parking lot ... passing the buckets from hand to hand and the empties back again.” Today the dog-

wood and daffodils planted there bring fresh beauty each spring.

Sometimes the challenges before us are daunting, but our community comes together to do what needs to be done to the great benefit of future generations of students. Today, our challenge comes from a shifting higher education landscape shaped by worldwide economic woes and the need to prepare students for leadership in a changing world. Students today may wear different clothes and hairstyles than they used to, walk on a more spacious campus, and use technology not dreamed of a century ago, but their intellectual passion, desire to make a difference in the world, and enjoyment of life in this very special community are very much the same. Our students — past, present, and future — inspire us.

Throughout fall semester, faculty and staff have been working at high intensity and fast pace in preparation for the launch of our Schools of Excellence on July 1, 2010. They have taken a fresh look at our general education curriculum, and ensured that the first-year experience and transition through Leadership Gateways are an impressive success. I am personally grateful for their energy, wisdom, and creativity. Already as we talk with prospective students, our new Schools of Excellence organizational structure helps us to communicate effectively about distinctive academic opportunities here at Mary Baldwin. Even more important for the student educational experience is the renewed clarity within the curriculum. Our new structure will ensure that we continue to fulfill in the coming decades the mission that has always been so important: to provide a transformative liberal arts education that empowers students to compose lives of purpose as confident, compassionate changemakers.

Thanks for your dedication and support as we work together with great confidence toward the bicentennial of this great college.

Dr. Pamela Fox, president



FROM THE

Editor

A Gift of Connection

I'm not stretching for meaning when I say it is timely that you are unfolding this issue of *The Mary Baldwin College Magazine* on the heels of winter holidays. It is, after all, a gift. A gift of compelling stories and an invitation to connect with campus.

A present usually includes a card, or a tag at least, for a little explanation. This letter serves a similar purpose. We don't typically include a letter from the editor in our magazine, but changes in this issue called for details, and I relished the opportunity.

For starters, the magazine team has changed a bit. After five-and-a-half years in the Communication, Marketing, and Public Affairs office at Mary Baldwin, I accepted the director of news and publications position and editorship of the magazine upon the departure of a colleague last summer. We also welcomed Liesel Nowak, a former daily newspaper reporter and member of the communication team at Thomas Jefferson's Monticello, as associate director of news and publications and assistant editor of this magazine. Design continues to be in the ever-creative hands of Gretchen Newman, director of design.

When you're searching for that perfect gift, much thought, planning, investigation, and creativity is involved. The same is true for the magazine, and even more so for this issue in which we debut a trimmer format. Each word, each design element had to be just right to make the cut from an 80-page magazine to one with 40 pages. The change is fundamentally an economic one — the magazine is but one component in an overall campaign for efficiency at MBC — but it also echoes the direction of many major publications. You will find fewer pages, but online extras and additional sources for more information expand your magazine experience beyond the tangible publication.

We are also determined to link Mary Baldwin College publications to create a comprehensive flow of information. We hope you enjoyed reading a special edition of *The Cupola* in September 2009, and that this magazine and an upcoming mailing of *The Cupola* in February (in addition to other materials and online updates) establish our communication pattern. Continuous changes on www.mbc.edu, engaging posts on the college's Facebook and Twitter feeds, and increasing activity on our new Baldwin Connect Web site augment the ongoing conversation between Mary Baldwin and its community.

Like a memorable gift, I hope you will continue to use and treasure *The Mary Baldwin College Magazine* not just upon opening it, but for a long time to come.

Dawn Medley, editor

Leadership Gateways:

A Path for Every Student to Create Her Way Forward



“When things seem overwhelming, I know it will be encouraging to have a plan to focus on, and to know that I have peers who have the same goals.”

— DANIELLE GUY '13

ONLINE HIGHLIGHT



“I had never heard of anything like this until I met Crista Cabe [vice president for public relations] when she was recruiting students in my hometown of Bangalore, India, in 2007. It is extremely motivating to be with other students

who want to be intellectually challenged. There is also an incredible support system.”

— Krittika Krishnan '12

Read more student quotes and explore MBC's Leadership Gateways at www.mbc.edu/admission/gateways.asp.

The college has not added new structures or hardware at its campus entrances, but this fall, for the first time, each new undergraduate student at Mary Baldwin College was welcomed to the college community through a unique Gateway. Our new Leadership Gateways may not be tangible, but — like a physical entrance — they hold promise, create anticipation, and signify the start of intriguing paths.

Few people would argue that the first days and weeks at college — the place chosen to shape one's future — is one of the most dramatic transitions in life. MBC's Gateways are there from day one, easing inductees into college life. Providing the opportunity for a smile from across the room when a shared interest is realized among classmates. Creating an environment that reassures them that faculty and staff members are ready with guidance and experience.

The concept of choosing a path to guide a student's Mary Baldwin College experience is not new. Although they were not designated as such, several Gateways have long been a strong part of Mary Baldwin culture, such as the Program for the Exceptionally Gifted and the Honors program, now known as Global Honors Scholars. In many ways, the Adult Degree Program also operates as a Gateway, providing clarity and direction to nonresidential students, both male and female. More recent additions, such as Spencer Citizens and Women for Healthy Lifestyles, reflect MBC's renewed commitment to civic engagement and health and well-being. These avenues, along with the Career Academy, Ida B. Wells Living-Learning Community, and Virginia Women's Institute for Leadership — programs developed over the years to guide



students at MBC — are collectively called Leadership Gateways.

“A gateway, as its name implies, is a portal into the college. Research tells us that students who build relationships early and participate actively in campus life are more likely to succeed and to graduate,” said Brenda Bryant, senior vice president for enrollment and administration and dean of students.

“More than half of our entering students participated in first-year programs, and students not affiliated with those programs did not have the same well-rounded experience. We know that getting connected is an important part of the transition to college, and we wanted to be intentional about helping all students get off to the best start possible,” Bryant added.

Gateways were noticed by prospective students as early as spring 2009. “When things seem overwhelming, I

know it will be encouraging to have a plan to focus on, and to know that I have peers who have the same goals,” said Danielle Guy ’13 when she was introduced to staff and students at the Spencer Center for Civic and Global Engagement during Future Freshman Friday in March. In August, Guy was back on campus — for the real thing — as one of about 40 new students in the Spencer Citizens Gateway.

Seasoned students were on hand during Future Freshman Friday to generate excitement for the Gateways, engaging high schoolers with stories about their experiences in various programs.

“At MBC, I have become more aware of my health, as well as how important it is to be involved in something outside of academics. Playing volleyball since my freshman year has developed my leadership and wellness,” said Kara Jenkins ’11, Student Athletic Association

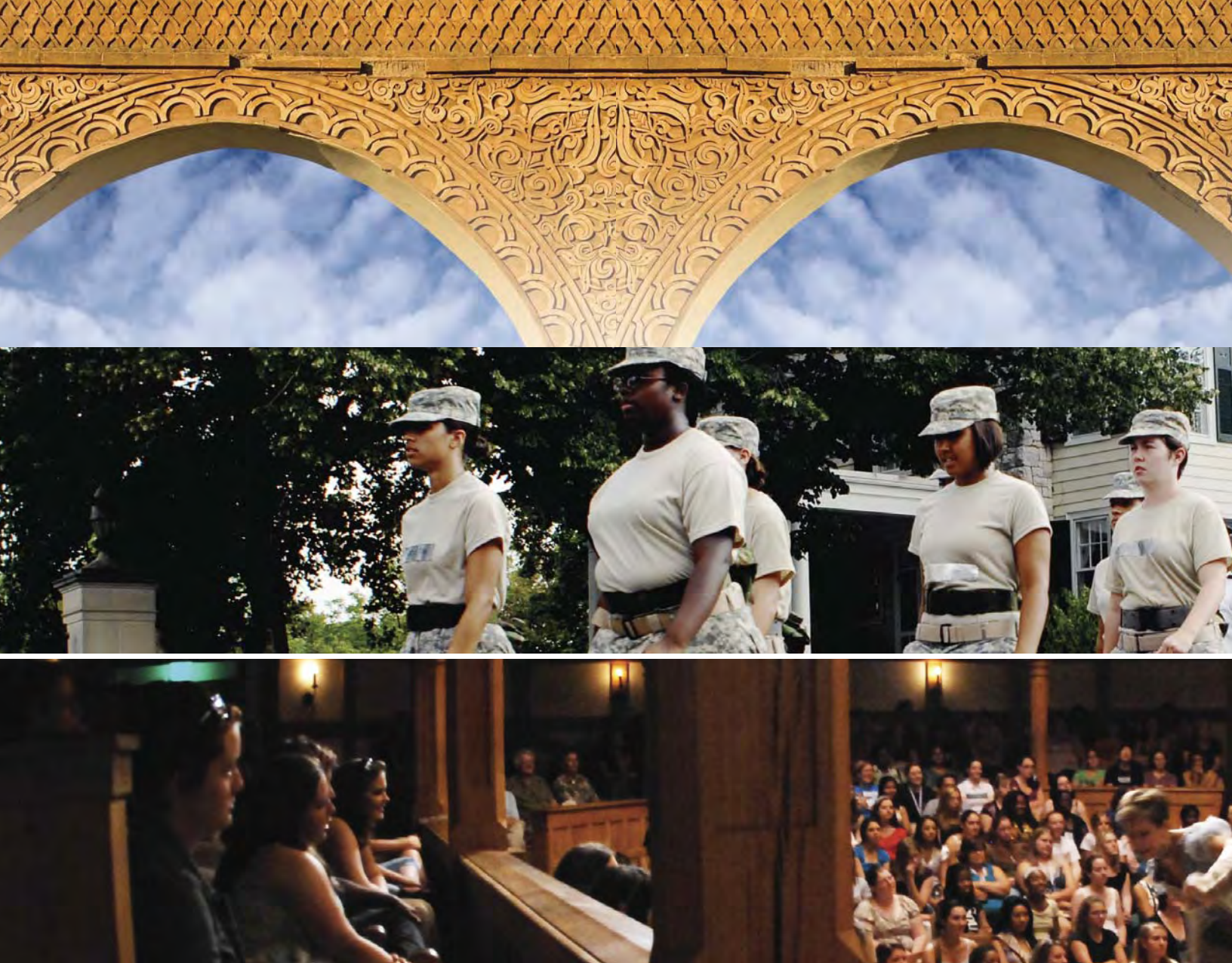
Council chairwoman and student mentor for Women for Healthy Lifestyles.

Gateways can be a one-year “welcoming” experience, or they can continue to provide structure and focus beyond the first year at Mary Baldwin. Some, such as Global Honors Scholars, PEG, and VWIL, are intended to carry students through all four undergraduate years. Administrators hope the bonds created through Gateways interactions will extend beyond graduation.

A financial boost provided further incentive to select a Gateway. Each incoming student receives a \$2,000 scholarship for participating, as part of the Boldly Baldwin Stimulus Package. MBC President Pamela Fox introduced the package in spring 2009, and it redirected \$700,000 in institutional and private funding directly to students — the college’s innovative answer to the national recession.

Since the introduction of the Adult Degree Program (ADP) in 1977, Mary Baldwin has offered multiple ways to enter the college and begin a course of undergraduate study. These are the years when the paths now known as Leadership Gateways in the Residential College for Women got their start:

- ✱ **PEG:** 1985 ✱ **VWIL:** 1995 ✱ **Ida B. Wells:** 2003
- ✱ **Global Honors Scholars:** 2005 (incorporating many aspects of the Honors Program)
- ✱ **Women for Healthy Lifestyles:** 2008 (previously an athletics group)
- ✱ **Spencer Citizens:** 2008 ✱ **Career Academy:** 2009



Gateways Orientation

Gateway leaders developed tailored programs that not only familiarized students with their specific path, but also introduced them to the basics about Mary Baldwin College. A sample of Gateways Orientation activities and goals:

Students in the **Career Academy** started their Visual Journal, a semester-long project that asks participants to capture snapshots at events — in their residence halls, and out and about on campus and in Staunton — and to reflect on their first semester as Mary Baldwin College students.

Program for the Exceptionally Gifted (PEG) students bonded during bowling night, ice breakers, PEG handbook skits and quizzes, karaoke night, and a craft project.

“One of my goals was that students in the **Spencer Center Gateway** walk away from orientation with an increased commitment to being actively engaged on campus and in the community,” said Steve Grande, director of civic engagement.

The orientation schedule for **Ida B. Wells Gateway** students included several events for the first official year of the Sista

Friends program, which pairs a new student with an alumna — preferably from the same geographic area and with similar interests. Participants also completed a service project with the American Heart Association and met local women who are involved in community service.

New students in the **Virginia Women’s Institute for Leadership (VWIL)** learned the importance of physical fitness, teamwork, trust, and resourcefulness during Wilderness, three off-campus days of camping and teambuilding activities. A part of VWIL orientation since its inception, Wilderness is followed by Cadre Week.

New **Global Honors Scholars** embarked on a Shakespeare-themed exploration of campus. Students found campus landmarks and described each one with an appropriate quote from one of the four plays they saw this fall at the Blackfriars Playhouse.



Do you know someone who would be interested in more information about Leadership Gateways? Contact the admissions office (800-468-2262 or admit@mbc.edu) for details about the programs, requirements (if any apply), and how to designate a Gateway when enrolling.

Gateway Gurus

Each Gateway is led by a person or team:

Global Honors Scholars: MARTHA WALKER, program director and associate professor of French and women's studies

Virginia Women's Institute for Leadership: KAREN PARKER, director of VWIL admissions; and VELMA BRYANT '01, director of leadership programs

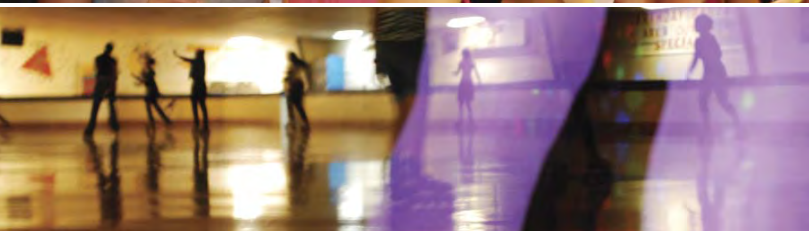
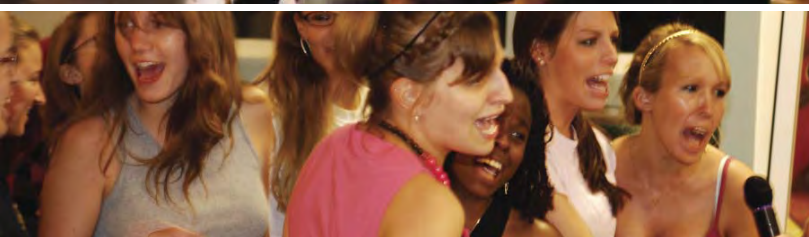
Women for Healthy Lifestyles: IRENE SARNELLE, associate professor of health and physical education

Career Academy: JULIE CHAPPELL, director of career development services

Ida B. Wells: ANDREA CORNETT-SCOTT, associate vice president for inclusive community

Spencer Citizens: STEVE GRANDE, director of civic engagement; and HEATHER WARD, director of international programs

Program for the Exceptionally Gifted: STEPHANIE FERGUSON, PEG director



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As soon as new students arrived on campus, their introduction to MBC was guided by their chosen Gateway. Whether they arrived as inductees in the Virginia Women's Institute for Leadership on August 18, or members of the Career Academy Gateway on August 26, or somewhere in between, new students revealed in several days of close interaction with their Gateway companions before mixing with classmates with diverse interests for Weekend of Welcome August 28-30. In previous years, most students arrived just before weekend orientation activities where they were grouped with classmates from their residence halls.

Longtime Professor Encouraged Scholarship, Sensitivity



The unexpected passing of Dr. Jack Kibler — a veteran psychology professor who distinguished himself not only with his scholarly work, but also with his engagement in college initiatives and development of student scholars — shocked the Mary Baldwin College community in July 2009.

Kibler's dedication to his students was obvious, and it was highlighted when the college invited people to post memories and tributes on its Facebook page shortly following President Pamela Fox's announcement of his death. Messages poured in about how he encouraged students to present at state, regional, and national conferences — where they frequently earned top awards — and the personal advice he freely dispensed.

"I put everything I have into trying to get students to look for what is fascinating about the intricately interwoven components of the universe and, in particular, life," Kibler said in a 2006 profile for *The Cupola*.

Kibler, who specialized in psychology of relationships, experimental psychology, sensation and perception, physiological psychology, and history and systems of psychology,

also authored or co-authored many studies and presented his work at national conferences of the American Psychological Association.

He received MBC's Carl F. and Patricia H. Menk Award for Faculty Support and Development in 1994–95, chaired the college's institutional review board, and was an active member of the search committee for new vice president for academic affairs and dean of the college, Dr. Catharine O'Connell, among other campus activities.

Kibler earned a BA at Randolph-Macon College, an MA at University of Richmond, and a PhD at Texas Christian University.

His passing demonstrated the power of social media tools in MBC's communication network. The MBC Facebook site gave those connected with Kibler a venue in which to share memories and condolences in a way that the college could not provide previously.

Just minutes after a brief message about his death was posted, comments were added from MBC alumnae/i, faculty, staff, and students, and others close to Kibler. The message count reached nearly 75 in two weeks and continued to grow. This is a selection of those heartrending words.

July 21, 6:33 p.m.

"I am saddened to hear about the passing of Dr. Kibler. As a psychology major I spent many hours in his classrooms listening to him teach. Many of my classroom memories are of him, from working with a rat, to my (way too) early morning physiological psychology class. I always admired his total dedication to the field of both teaching and psychology. He was a genuine professional. He will be missed."

— Kathleen Beckley Knapp '00

July 21, 9:49 p.m.

"We have lost a true gentleman and scholar ... and good friend. Rest in peace, Jack."

— Charles Culbertson '86

July 21, 11:59 p.m.

"Jack Kibler was a good friend. I saw him a few months ago and he looked vibrant, so full of life. My fondest memory is when my son and I took him to a Red Sox game in DC a decade or more

ago. He loved the Red Sox! Jack was a superb teacher who expected the best from his students. This is all very stunning, very sad."

— Daniel Métraux,
professor of Asian studies

July 22, 6:59 a.m.

"Dr. Kibler was the hardest working, most devoted professor I ever knew. His classes were among my favorites and he was an excellent mentor and friend. I am stunned by the news and cannot believe it. I am saddened that I was never able to visit this past year for him to meet my son, Leland. When I was pregnant, he was the one that said, 'Having a child will change absolutely everything in your life and it's no longer about you.' I am living that quote now and all of his advice has been greatly received. He will be greatly missed by so many."

— Nicole Koiner '08

July 22, 8:47 a.m.

"Jack was a wonderful colleague who touched so many of us. His students learned so much more than psychology — they left his classes with a sense of responsibility and respect for themselves as well as for others. He genuinely cared about people, and was always willing to help those in need. I remember when he spoke about the loss of his daughter at Relay for Life — it must have been very painful for him to share his experience so publicly. But I will always remember Jack for his warmth, his generosity, his humor, and the way he smiled with his eyes."

— Peggy Ankney,
former associate professor of physics

July 22, 1:38 p.m.

"[Dr. Kibler] inspired me through his passion and personal experience to put everything I had into my education. His classes were always the most interesting ones I attended and I am very saddened that I will no longer be able to sit through one of his lectures. My prayers go out to his family and friends. Dr. Kibler, you will be missed."

— Lindsay Wenger '10

July 22, 8:30 p.m.

"As I am reading through all of the posts regarding Dr. Kibler's passing, I am touched deeply that so many people experienced him as the kind man he was, as well as the exemplary teacher who expected excellence and inspired excellence in his students. But more than that, I begin to imagine the ripple effect of Dr. Kibler's legacy. I know that I



A Tree in Memory

Faculty, staff, and students gathered for a heartfelt tribute to Dr. Kibler October 7. A fir tree was planted in his memory on front campus near Pearce Science Center, in the shadow — for the time being — of a fir tree planted in memory of his daughter, who passed away from cancer in the early 1990s. Juniors Mandy Ross and Jo Forrest talked about the creation of a student organization in his honor, Kibler's Changemakers.

owe much of who I am personally and professionally to Dr. Kibler, and many caring conversations we had. I think of the hundreds of clients I've seen who have benefited from my solid educational and ethical background, which started at MBC. Now that I am supervising clinicians, I think of how that number multiplies, to something pretty unbelievable, but I know that a little piece of what Dr. Kibler gave me is now passed to each of them. For that, I will be forever richer, and forever grateful. My thoughts and prayers for comfort go out to the family and friends of such a beloved teacher, counselor, and mentor."

— A. Adele Walker-Blue '95

July 24, 2:46 a.m.

"I chose psychology as my major at MBC because of Dr. Kibler. I wanted to take all of his classes. I will always remember Dr. Kibler and his passion for teaching. He made learning fun with his many stories and unique facial expressions! He was my advisor, my mentor, and my role model. He will surely be missed. My thoughts are with his family. He touched so many lives in so many different ways. It says a lot when out of all the professors I have ever had in my life, Dr. Jack Kibler is the one who stands out most in my memory of my time at Mary Baldwin College. I feel so lucky to have studied under such an amazing professor."

— Brian Clary

July 25, 2:55 p.m.

"I had my first conversation with Jack Kibler 10 years ago, at a time when I was discouraged, career-wise. I phoned Mary Baldwin to inquire about adjunct teaching possibilities and was fortunate to be connected to Jack. In that brief conversation, Jack gave me a sense of encouragement I had not felt in some time when he told me I was doing all the right things if I was interested in a liberal arts career. What others had considered liabilities, he saw as assets. This was someone who valued teaching as a career choice. I had almost forgotten what that felt like, but I hung up the phone that day with a newfound sense of optimism.

"If I had never spoken with Jack Kibler again, I would still have to list him as someone who changed my life for the better. But, happily, it didn't end there. Jack became a friend, colleague, and mentor, leading our department through change, triumph, and challenge. I was blessed to know him, and he leaves a powerful legacy to his students."

— Louise Freeman Davis,
associate professor of psychology

Beloved Biology Professor Was 'So Much More Than a Teacher'

By Liesel Nowak

Of course they remember the field trips, laboratory work, and her collection of scientific specimens. But students of Dr. Mary Humphreys just as easily recall long conversations outside of class, years of correspondence after graduation, and her famous Dr. Pepper and orange juice punch.

"We just had some fantastic times; she was so much more than a teacher," said Janet Bish Holmes '63.

The professor emerita of biology, long celebrated for her pioneering role in the Mary Baldwin science department, passed away August 25 after a brief illness. She was 98.

Humphreys earned a bachelor's degree from Western Maryland College and a master's and doctorate from Duke University. She also received grants for post-doctoral studies from the National Science Foundation.

From 1943 to 1968 Humphreys was a professor of biology, botany, and genetics at MBC, making science accessible to female scholars at a time when it was still emerging as a course of study for women.

Humphreys instilled boldness in Baldwin women, said Janet Russell Steelman '52, who worked in cancer research and genetic toxicology after graduation.

Stelman has led recent efforts to have a classroom in Pearce Science Center named in memory of Humphreys when planned renovations occur in that building.

"She taught me that I really could do anything that I wanted to do," Steelman said. "She gave me the self-confidence that I never had before."

Olivia Rogers Guggenheim '61 was one of several former students who have offered memories of Humphreys on MBC's Facebook page.

"One of my lasting memories is trekking through the George Washington National Forest under her tutelage, spotting trillium, mosses, and other native forest plants, which are imprinted in my mind to this day," Guggenheim wrote.

Holmes said that after one of Humphreys' field trips, which required some strenuous hiking, the class was invited on an impromptu garden tour at the home of a well-to-do Staunton resident. The college observed

a strict dress code at the time, and the trekking students had received special permission to wear pants — pants that were muddy from Humphreys' nature hike. Much to the students' surprise, there was a cocktail party taking place in the garden at the time.

"This was the Jackie Kennedy era and here are these women in dresses and pearls ... and here come these girls from Mary Baldwin with a dress code from you know where," Holmes said. "And I'm thinking the whole time, 'I'm going to get expelled.'"

Instead of ushering away her hesitant and bedraggled students, Humphreys insisted that they proceed with their garden tour, heads held high.

Many students recall visiting Humphreys' house for refreshments and conversation.

"There was so much interaction with her students. She would invite biology majors to her house and I remember having hot Dr. Pepper there," said Shearer Luck '63. "We didn't talk about biology. We just sat and talked."

The relationships Humphreys forged in class remained intact via visits and letters long after her students had graduated. In 1992,

friends and former students ensured that her legacy would live on at the college with the creation of the Mary E. Humphreys Biology Lecture series. The series' strong donor support has brought to campus prominent scientists such as "gene hunter" Dr. Francis Collins and breast cancer researcher Dr. Nancy Davidson of Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine.

"You barely got a letter off to her when she'd turn around and get one back to you," said Emily Tyler '63, who provided the personal notes from Humphreys in the background of this page.

After retiring in 1968, Humphreys returned to her home in Berlin, Maryland, where she remained active in the community, doing field work for the Nature Conservancy and the Maryland Ornithological Society, donating her often-touted proofreading skills to local organizations, and serving as deacon in her church, among other activities.

Humphreys also established a foundation in her hometown that awards grants to charitable groups.

"She left a legacy to us — every student that she came into contact with," Steelman said. "She loved us and we were her life. Knowing that was very important to us."



For more information about how to keep the Humphreys Lecture thriving, contact the Office of Institutional Advancement at giving@mbc.edu or 800-622-4255.

Donations in Humphreys' memory may be made to: The Humphreys Foundation, c/o William Mitchell Calvin B. Taylor Bank 17 North Main Street Berlin, MD 21818

Read more about the stories below, and many more, at www.mbc.edu/news and in *The Cupola* online at www.mbc.edu/cupola.



NOAA Grant Partners MBC, Local Students

The simple structures of PVC pipe outfitted with wires and sensors don't look like much, but — as students at the Central Shenandoah Valley Governor's School are learning — when placed in the right locations those buoys collect valuable information about water quality and the ecosystem.

A three-year, \$360,000 grant from the National Oceanic Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) secured by Tamra Willis, MBC assistant professor of education, provides the college with the opportunity to partner with regional Governor's Schools to investigate nearby waterways and to expand their river, stream, and bay studies using data provided by the Chesapeake Bay Interpretive Buoy System. When high school students presented their buoys and research hypotheses for NOAA officials in early October, they had been working on the project for only a few weeks, but their enthusiasm was evident in everything from podcasts to descriptions of what they hope to study.



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PHOTO BY TAMRA WILLIS



Discover more about NOAA's BWET program at <http://sanctuaries.noaa.gov/news/bwet/welcome.html> and MBC's Master of Education at www.mbc.edu/med

Willis procured the first three-year NOAA grant for watershed study in Mary Baldwin's Environment-Based Learning (EBL) program in 2003, and earned renewals to carry the program through July 2009, when the new funding kicked in. Willis has been awarded several significant federal and state grants to support the EBL program, one of four concentration areas in the college's new Master of Education degree. NOAA grants have funded the hiring of a part-time teacher-in-residence at MBC and innovative courses for master's degree students, such as Reading on the River, Trout in the Classroom, and Nature Journaling Across the Curriculum.

Shannon Sprague, NOAA environmental literacy specialist and grant administrator, is eager to highlight Mary Baldwin's use of the grant and ties with its Bay Watershed Education and Training (BWET) initiative.

"These are the connections we're trying to create with BWET, and I look forward to sharing with the national director how you have sustained and evolved your program," Sprague said after seeing student presentations.

Governor's School students in Augusta and Alleghany counties will present their research findings as well as what they learned while constructing buoys to MBC graduate students in summer 2010, Willis said. "They are looking at things for which we really don't have the answers. It is the inquiry method at its best," she said.

TEAMING FOR GREEN: The Green Team — a student-led branch of MBC's Green Council — successfully launched a composting initiative at Hunt Dining Hall and tackled corrugated cardboard recycling in fall 2009. The Team also promoted an Augusta Bird Club Seed Sale, which raises money to send local children to a nature camp and supports local conservation projects.

THE TERRIFIC TWOS: Mary Baldwin's Spencer Center for Civic and Global Engagement celebrated its second anniversary — and growing student, faculty, and staff interest in international adventures and community work — in October.

LIKE (GRAND)MOTHER, LIKE (GRAND)DAUGHTER: A few years after her 79-year-old grandmother, Alice Colvin, began taking courses in MBC's Adult Degree Program, Amanda McDaniel, 29, thought it would be a good idea, too. McDaniel enrolled this fall through the Charlottesville regional center ... with her grandmother.

Getting Rid of Grass Helps Green MBC

The blades of green on Cannon Hill — officially named fescue, wiregrass, and Bermuda grass, but more commonly known just as “grass” — were already curling and turning brown when environmental authorities and members of the media toured campus in late October with Mary Baldwin faculty, staff, and students. It was just what they were supposed to be doing in preparation for the first phase of a project to introduce native plants and grasses on several acres of the sprawling campus.

“The objective is to bring together the right thing to do environmentally with an economically viable way of maintaining campus grounds,” said Bruce Dorries, assistant professor of communication.

Funded by the Natural Resource Conservation Service, the process started in the fall and will take about three years to complete, Dorries said. Robert Whitescarver, Natural Resource Conservation Service district supervisor and former Chesapeake Bay Foundation’s Conservationist of the Year, is advising Dorries and Jeff Wagner, MBC grounds supervisor, on a plan that will reduce the need for mowing, attract native wildlife, reduce runoff and erosion, and be virtually self-sustaining.

By mid-to-late summer 2010, taller indigenous grasses such as switchgrass and big bluestem, and prairie flowers like aster, coneflowers, brown-eyed susans, goldenrod, and coreopsis will bloom on Cannon Hill, the first planting site.

Whitescarver cautioned that the community should not expect a full-scale prairie appearance for at least three years, but a cover crop of sunflowers should make a brilliant showcase in the first summer while other plants are taking root. Similar projects have garnered attention on campuses nationwide, such as Virginia Tech, James Madison University, and Luther College in Iowa.

“They can be learning labs and, in some communities, tourist destinations,” Dorries said, explaining that he hopes to one day link MBC’s meadows to a proposed trail that will connect the Frontier Culture Museum and Montgomery Hall Park in the city. “They become a model for what other people can do,” Dorries added.



Conservationist Robert Whitescarver plucks a blade of fescue — a non-native, invasive grass that will soon be replaced with native flora on a portion of Cannon Hill.



U.S. NEWS YOU CAN USE:

MBC was named a “Great School, Great Price” for the second consecutive year and maintained its status as one of the nation’s best colleges and universities, coming in at No. 21 among master’s-level universities in the South in the 2009 *U.S. News & World Report* rankings. In the eight years it has been classified as a master’s-level university, MBC has never slipped from the top tier of the category.





HOW COOL IS THAT: Turning off air conditioning, lights, and other electricity-sapping devices on Fridays in June and July saved the college 40 percent in energy costs as compared to 2008. Continuing reductions in energy use and lower natural gas prices could result in an overall savings on the college’s 2010 energy bill of \$50,000 to \$80,000.

BE A FOLLOWER: Still not connected to MBC on Facebook (search Mary Baldwin College) and Twitter (@MaryBaldwinColl)? Don’t miss the next engaging multi-state conversation (like the one on Apple Day in October). Join us today!

The Bigger Picture

Funding for the project to introduce native grasses and flowers at Mary Baldwin College comes from the Natural Resource Conservation Service, a branch of the U.S. Department of Agriculture, and is part of a larger effort:

 The program has encouraged native plantings on 200 acres of land in Staunton, Waynesboro, and Augusta County (Headwaters District)

 A similar federal program resulted in the planting of 3,000 acres of native vegetation on farmland in the Headwaters District

 See an inspiring conversion to native prairie and how students and the community help maintain it at Luther College in Iowa: www.luther.edu/about/campus/landscape-design/prairie-school

Baldwin Women Reach Out to Women Internationally



Online at www.womenforwomen.org

Read and watch video of Karen Sherman's Commencement 2009 address:
www.mbc.edu/news/r_detail.php?id=2186

When Karen Sherman spoke at Commencement 2009 about her role as executive director for global programs at Women for Women International, Mary Baldwin College listened. This fall, the college put the pieces in place to become one of the first campus partners for the global organization. MBC will join the Women for Women effort that helps create confident, compassionate, female changemakers in areas devastated by war and conflict.

Members of the Mary Baldwin Global Initiative (MBGI) student organization have pledged to sponsor a woman survivor of war for the next several years and will raise funds to donate at least \$27 per month — the amount suggested by Women for Women to make a meaningful difference. MBGI was created as a result of the enthusiasm generated when students attended the inaugural Clinton Global Initiative University in 2007. In

February 2009, MBGI members who attended the conference were inspired by discussion participant Zainab Salbi, founder and chief executive officer of Women for Women International.

Heather Ward, MBC director of international programs, sees an important connection with Mary Baldwin College — the alma mater of Anna Jarvis, founder of Mother's Day — and Women for Women's campaign to reclaim the holiday for mothers around the world who demonstrate amazing strength each day. Students could also be involved in fundraising and generating awareness about the group by participating in Women for Women's Run for Congo Women, organizing a book club or film series, or holding events to recognize International Women's Day. Another connection could be forged by encouraging Arabic language students and native-speakers at Mary Baldwin to translate letters between sponsors and their Arabic-speaking sisters. With Ward, students will continue to investigate internship opportunities and other ways the college can support the group.

Ward is also looking into the possibility of inviting a graduate of Women for Women's Sponsorship Program to study at Mary Baldwin College.

"As a women's institution of higher education, we can think of no better contribution to a woman's livelihood and success," she said.

Women for Women International helps women survivors of war rebuild their lives by providing leadership and skills training in Afghanistan, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Congo, Iraq, Kosovo, Nigeria, Rwanda, and Sudan.

Ripples of the budding partnership are reaching academic endeavors, too. Students in Associate Professor of Economics Amy Diduch's course, Topics in Economic Development, learned how microlending affects real people through a loan they made to a woman in Uganda. The class collected \$125 to send to Grace, a woman who buys farm-fresh produce to sell at local markets, through the multinational microlending organization Kiva. Diduch expected to have an update on Grace's entrepreneurial progress by the end of fall semester.

"This was a way to make an international connection when the funds were not available for travel," Diduch said.



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FALL
2009

by the
Numbers

2,145: Total applicants, a new record

2,303: Total student headcount, the highest in MBC's history

33: Undergraduate freshmen named Katherine (or Catherine, or Catharine, like our new VPAA and dean, Dr. Catharine O'Connell)

13: Freshmen with the surname Jones, the most common in the class

47: New MAT students, the biggest increase in a single year

11: New MLitt students

96: Number of RCW freshmen who chose either the Career Academy or VWIL Leadership Gateway, the largest groups for fall 2009

16,500: Pounds of cement (approximately) freshmen in the Spencer Citizens Gateway poured to construct a ramp during an Orientation service project

MBC Community Takes a Bite Out of the Virtual Apple

Facebook, Twitter traffic connect campus, alumnae/i

Mary Baldwin College launched a major campaign this fall to encourage alumnae/i and MBC friends to plan Apple Day events in their area and to engage in virtual interaction with the college on Twitter and Facebook on October 7. Guess what? It worked.

Laina Shoemake '01 posted that she was planning to take her 1- and 2-year-old children to an orchard in upstate South Carolina to carry on the tradition. Dining on apple-sauce and apple pie had to suffice when rain canceled her outdoor plans, but Shoemake was happy just to feel reconnected with MBC through Facebook.

"I hadn't really celebrated Apple Day since I graduated because I didn't know when it was, so that was a good connection at the most basic level. It was a nice feeling to know what was going on on campus ... and I've checked back several times since that day," Shoemake said. A relatively new user of Facebook, she became a fan of Mary Baldwin just before Apple Day when traffic on the site increased and she noticed comments from her friends.

Casey Brent '02 used Facebook to spread the word about a Washington DC-area event that had Apple Day heart and spirit. She helped organize an event in the capital city and encouraged alumnae/i to bring professional attire to donate to Dress for Success. Nearly two dozen alums attended, and they collected several large shopping bags of clothes.

"Everyone is already on Facebook; it was natural to advertise there. We all like to reminisce about Apple Day, so it is fun to get together with people who understand it," said Brent, who belongs to four Mary Baldwin Facebook groups.

Perhaps the most gratifying message of the day was a tweet from Lindsey Lieberman '04 at about 4:30 p.m.: "I am so glad that @MaryBaldwinColl tweeted all about #AppleDay. It made me feel just a little more connected, even from far away in Texas."

Lieberman has been an MBC fan on Facebook since shortly after the college started using the networking tool in January, but she didn't start following Mary Baldwin on Twitter until Apple Day.



Go on — you know you want to look...

Apple Day Photo Gallery

www.mbc.edu/news/photoessay.php

"Learning that Dr. Fox was on the bus heading to the orchard, reading news articles shared by the communication office, and seeing pictures from a fellow Texas alumna showed me that Apple Day is still alive and well," Lieberman said.

Martha Fowler '69 was at first reluctant to say too much on Facebook, but she realized the value of sharing when the college posted an announcement about the passing of Mary Humphreys, professor emerita of biology and Fowler's mentor. A few days before Apple Day, she gave Facebook readers a glimpse of the tradition of days past, explaining how she was picked up by a chauffeured Rolls Royce on the way to the orchard.

Fowler continues to investigate how Facebook can be useful for her in keeping in touch with classmates and other alumnae/i near her home in Jamestown, South Carolina.

"The messages on Apple Day really had me imagining what was happening on campus," she said.

Even the City of Staunton got into the Apple Day action, reposting — or "retweeting" for their followers to see — a picture of students painting a downtown window as part of the day's community outreach.

Now that so many alumnae/i are connected, the college communication team is even more inspired to keep the sites current and to encourage more interaction, so check back often.



Helene Harrison '48 proudly showed off a copy of *National Geographic* from July 1949 during Apple Day brunch 2009. The magazine featured Apple Day 1947, and Harrison is in the picture.



MBC's Facebook site recorded a record **105 interactions** (posts, likes, comments, etc.) on Apple Day, October 7

No doubt spurred by Apple Day buzz, the college gained more than **70 fans** in the first two weeks of October

The Mary Baldwin crew gleaned **664 pounds of apples** at Johnson Brothers Orchard in Bedford County to donate to nearby Montvale Baptist Church; it was the final gleaning of the season, and "not a single apple was left behind."

Apple Day conversation generated **nearly 80 tweets**, including, "Excited to see @MaryBaldwinColl using social media to promote Apple Day. I feel connected even though I'm far away," from Rebecca Teaff '99

overheard on Facebook and Twitter

"We spent last Saturday picking apples. Maybe tomorrow I will make an appley goodie."

Sara Dunn '98

"I'm sportin' my fav MBC tee out tonight in SF, Apple Day 1995, the shirt is well worn, well loved, and totally appropriate for Hobson's on Haight St."

Holly Wojcak '02

"1965 was before T-shirts, but when it was safe to hitchhike to the orchard. My first lift was given by a lovely 'Miss Daisy' with her fluffy white pooch in her chauffeured Rolls Royce. She was most curious about Apple Day. I'm not sure who my MBC companion/s was/were, but expect roomie Betsy Floeting Davis shares the memory!"

Martha Fowler '69

Fall Visitors Enrich Learning Environment



PHOTO BY WOODS PIERCE

'Optimist by Nature' Engages Scientific Senses at All Ages

✱ Visit Shakhshiri's engaging Web site: <http://scifun.chem.wisc.edu>

You can find Dr. Bassam Shakhshiri cited in *Encyclopedia Britannica* as "dean of lecture demonstrators in America." He describes himself as "scientist by training, teacher and public servant by trade, advocate by conviction, optimist by nature." As professor of chemistry at University of Wisconsin-Madison, Shakhshiri shares his unique scientific presentations across the world — and in October he brought them to Mary Baldwin College as part of the annual Elizabeth Kirkpatrick Doenges Visiting Artist/Scholar Series.

Not only did the MBC community get to experience Shakhshiri's explosive performances, but Karl Zachary, MBC assistant professor of chemistry, invited local high school students to two presentations on campus.

Shakhshiri has given more than 1,300 invited lectures and presentations and he has appeared on NBC Nightly News, CNN, and Larry King Live. He earned the American Association for Advancement of Science Award for Public Understanding of Science and Technology for "his tireless efforts to communicate science to the general public, and especially children," among other accolades.

Known internationally for his ability to promote excellence in science education at all levels, Shakhshiri also advocates for policies to advance knowledge and to use science and technology to serve society.



PHOTO BY DAWN MEDLEY

Hungarian Visitor Seeks to Strengthen Bonds

As part of a growing exchange program between MBC and Dabas, Hungary, Krisztián Kancsar visited Staunton from August through October to explore American culture and research ways in which the two cities and the college can build a lasting partnership. He also reconnected with the MBC students and professors that he hosted when they traveled to Dabas for three weeks in May 2009.

The MBC students on the Dabas trip learned about art, history, politics, and other topics that extend beyond their specific area of study, reflecting their interdisciplinary studies at a liberal arts college.

"These connections are indispensable for getting real, personal experiences from each other from a totally different culture, from real life," Kancsar said. "This is a very important step of the process [of being] able to understand each other."

This was Kancsar's first trip to the U.S., and he made the most of it by attending campus events, sharing information about Hungary, and immersing himself in Staunton life.

Staunton City Councilman Dave Metz is helping foster an exchange, which he hopes will strengthen as the economy recovers and the city's budget allows.

With the help of Molly Petty, assistant professor of English, and Jane Pietrowski, associate professor of business, Kancsar hopes to expand the Staunton-Dabas connection with more May Term trips and the creation of more exchange programs, with specific focuses such as music and dance or preschool education.



PHOTO BY WOODS PIERCE

Founders Day Address Inspires 'Moving Forward' With Purpose

✱ Watch video of Founders Day on YouTube: www.youtube.com/user/MBCCoMPA

It was standing room only at Mary Baldwin College's 168th Founders Day celebration October 1, warmly welcoming speaker Christian Peele '05 and signifying the investiture of the Class of 2010.

Peele took the podium in First Presbyterian Church to inspire the audience to "keep moving forward" ... and more. At the heart of her address was genuine encouragement to make a "commitment to an authentic relationship with our communities."

"If our walk is turned to a dance because we take seriously the sound of authentic relationship, then we say 'yes' to the idea that success isn't so much about moving forward as it is about moving more deeply into what lies before us," she added.

Peele earned undergraduate recognition that included the Rita Dove Frontrunner Scholarship and Algernon Sydney Sullivan Award, reinforcing her drive to accomplish more and remain true to herself. After graduation, she became the youngest person to earn a master of divinity from Duke University Divinity School, pursuing a calling into ministry that she first began to consider when she entered Mary Baldwin. She also worked with underprivileged youth through Harlem Children's Zone.

The latest step in her momentous life is a coveted internship in the Office of Management and Administration at the White House.

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Herring To Headline 2010 Firestone Art Lecture

Brooklyn-based artist Oliver Herring defies the traditional mindset that an artist needs paper or canvas to create art. From knitting mylar to splashing paint on willing subjects' faces, German-born Herring is a master of experience-based art. As Mary Baldwin's 2010 Firestone Lecturer in Contemporary Art, he will share his unconventional techniques with the college and community in a free public lecture at 7 p.m. March 29 in Francis Auditorium.

Herring's sculpture, performance pieces, and photography have been featured in solo exhibitions at the Museum of Modern Art, the Solomon R. Guggenheim Museum, and the New Museum of Contemporary Art, among others. His pieces are always available for viewing at Max Protetch Gallery, www.maxprotech.com.

✱ Learn more about Herring courtesy of Art:21: www.pbs.org/art21/artists/herring/index.html.

Notable Achievements

Billy Coffey, mail services coordinator, signed a publishing contract for two books he authored: *Snow Day*, and a yet-untitled second novel.

Mary Hill Cole, professor of history, received the 2009–10 Karl F. and Patricia H. Menk Award for Faculty Support and Development, which she is employing for her sabbatical research that focuses on Elizabeth I of England's family relationships.

Patty Davis, director of student accounts, was honored for 30 years of service at Mary Baldwin College at the college's annual appreciation breakfast.

Joyce Franklin, regional operations coordinator in Roanoke, was recognized for 25 years of service.

Louise Freeman, associate professor of psychology, was awarded more than \$80,000 in grants funded by the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA), known more commonly as the "Stimulus Act." Freeman used the grants to hire research interns, increase the musk shrew colony at MBC used in her research, and create an on-site surgical facility.

Carole Grove, director of MAT and MED and professor of education, received the Commitment to the Teacher Education Profession Award 2009 from the Virginia Association of Colleges for Teacher Education in recognition of her outstanding service and contributions to teacher education.

Marlena Hobson, associate professor of art, will employ her recent \$2,000 Mednick Fellowship Award from the Virginia Foundation for Independent Colleges to continue research for a book she is planning on the Novecento movement in Italian art. During her spring 2010 sabbatical, Hobson will visit sites to research Novecento movement artist N.G. Fiumi, her grandfather.

Sarah Kennedy, associate professor of English, authored her fifth volume of poetry, *Home Remedies*. Kennedy's book *A Witch's Dictionary* won a bronze medal from Independent Publisher Book Awards.

Lallon Pond, associate professor of business administration, traveled to China in summer 2009 as a member of the Fulbright-Hays Seminar Abroad Program to study Chinese history, culture, and economic development.

New faculty/staff

In addition to welcoming many adjunct and visiting professors for the 2009–10 academic year, Mary Baldwin College introduced a new director of enrollment management in summer 2008.

Andrew Modlin

admits that he does not have the typical background of a college executive director of enrollment management. After earning a BA from University of Virginia and an MBA from University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, he worked for nearly a decade in branding and marketing for a major snack foods manufacturer. During that time, he was part of the team that conceived the advertising tagline "Snap Into a Slim Jim!" and worked with wrestler Macho Man Randy Savage as well as on the company's NASCAR programs. Modlin left that organization as senior marketing manager to launch his own marketing company, Sponsor's Edge, which he managed until accepting the position at MBC. He also worked part time as assistant director of MBA admissions at UNC. Modlin views the Mary Baldwin Admissions Office as the "door to the next generation of MBC students," recognizing that alumnae/i and parents play a critical role in referring that next generation to MBC. Modlin knows that many alumnae/i refer prospective students to the college individually and through their assistance at college fairs, and he is eager to continue to involve the "greater MBC community" in finding and shaping future confident, compassionate changemakers.



Quotable MBC

"Women's colleges are ahead of the curve and on the forefront of what women need. We have never been and we will never be followers. We have to create our own way forward."

— MBC President Pamela Fox delivered these poignant closing lines in an extensive *U.S. News & World Report* article, "The Changing Face of Women's Colleges." The article and accompanying photo gallery feature Mary Baldwin College students exclusively, captured during a day-long photo shoot on campus: <http://bit.ly/qmfXE>.

"Fifteen minutes or less suffices. A short commencement gets the party started faster (and) engages in flattery of the students, their families, and schools without extensive fawning."

— Bruce Dorries, assistant professor of communication, in *USA Today*, "8 keys to a graduation speech with pomp & significance"

"I know firsthand the kind of officer and community leader produced by the WWIL program. I also know that the program I helped to build 15 years ago is still getting that job done better for women than any other leadership organization in the nation."

— Sherri Sharpe '99, in *The Roanoke Times*, "Virginia is shorting its all-women corps of cadets"

"While many prospective students might consider the fact that we do not have men in our [residential] undergraduate program to be a disadvantage, we believe otherwise."

— Andrew Modlin, executive director of enrollment management, on *educationweek.com*, "Is a Women's College Right for Your Daughter?"

"We are a private school, but it's still important to make sure that everyone's able to enjoy our education."

— Erin Paschal '10, Student Government Association president, on WWIR-TV29, Charlottesville, "Mary Baldwin Rolls out Stimulus Package"

"We take who you are as a person, and refine you into the best person you can be."

— WWIL First Captain Jessica Tait '10, in *The Free Lance-Star*, Fredericksburg, "Local woman leads cadets," also featured in an audio slideshow on www.fredericksburg.com



(Top): Children are an integral part of the community-building through art that MBC Artist-in-Residence Claudia Bernardi has established in Perquin, El Salvador. *(Bottom left):* Colleen Pendry '08 with children involved in the Spring Break 2009 trip organized by Bernardi. *(Bottom right):* Bernardi, right, works with program participants. *(Opposite page):* An El Salvadoran woman smiles during her interaction with the MBC group in 2009.



Message of Restoration Through Art “Reaching More Layers” at MBC



PHOTOS BY JASMINE WITMER '10 AND COLLEEN PENDRY '08

In 2007, Argentine artist and activist Claudia Bernardi — serving as the college's Doenges Visiting Artist/Scholar — guided Mary Baldwin College students as they transformed a Staunton bakery wall from a blank façade into a community point of pride. During May Term 2009, she returned as MBC artist-in-residence to lead another group in the makeover of a cinder block wall on the college's campus into a story of multiculturalism, empowerment, and peace. But when Bernardi enters a community, walls aren't the only things that are transformed. Through visual projects, trips abroad with students, and visits to campus, Bernardi's vibrancy, talent, and sincerity have shaped the MBC community.

“It is wonderful and inspiring for me to see that the initial step that brought me to Mary Baldwin years ago has been expanding and reaching more layers of the college,” she said.

This fall, Bernardi was again welcomed at Mary Baldwin to share her latest project, “The Perquin Model.” The program — born in the El Salvadoran town for which it is named — stresses the use of art as a method of building diplomacy, healing communities, and fostering peace. After several years of interaction with Bernardi, the method is working in Perquin, a small village near the site of a brutal civilian massacre during El Salvador's civil war. Encouraging results are also emerging in other parts of El Salvador and other countries in Central and South America where rape, murder, and other human rights crimes have been and continue to be committed.

“Our vision is to bring greater awareness through the planning of collaborative art interventions and public art pieces that ... envision how to better prevent, manage, and resolve serious conflicts,” Bernardi said.

Powerful mural photos, quotes, poetry, and history lessons illustrated the Perquin Model during Bernardi's September lecture. The program's goal of promoting peace, justice, and community recovery through art and person-to-person interaction was evident in the confident smiles of each community “artist” and the faces of those who gathered around every completed project.

Bernardi sees herself as a link between Mary Baldwin College and Walls of Hope open studio and school in Perquin, the makeshift headquarters where she and other volunteers coordinate community projects to rebuild villagers' spirits. “It has been a pleasure for me to share our beloved school” with MBC students, faculty, and staff who traveled with her to Perquin in spring 2009, Bernardi said. “We are a team that creates new possibilities as we collaborate.”

But Walls of Hope literally does not have walls of its own. An MBC student and an alumna are attempting to change that. In a testament to the growing reach of Bernardi's vision, Colleen Pendry '08 and Jasmine Witmer '10 set up the Morazon Alliance Project after working with her in Perquin. An Adult Degree Program graduate, Pendry had decades of business experience before going back to school, and she and Witmer — president of the Mary Baldwin Global Initiative student group — created a fair-trade organization where they buy handcrafted goods in Perquin to sell in

the United States. The money is reinvested in the partnership to purchase materials that locals do not have access to, and surplus funds will help construct a school to support Bernardi and Walls of Hope.

“Claudia's influence in El Salvador is just amazing,” said Pendry, who held the first sale of native goods in October and hopes to have another in the spring. “Through just her word of mouth, more than 50 artisans came to the village to show me their pieces. I just had to buy something from everyone.”

Bernardi is planning her second trip to Perquin with an MBC contingent this spring. She met with interested students in the fall to talk about how they will continue the renewal process in that area, building on projects started in spring 2009 and initiating new ones. Based on the direction an individual student chooses to take, the trip can also have Spanish language or film study components.

Bernardi believes that art plays a powerful role in rebuilding communities where there has been conflict and a history of violations of human rights. With each visit, each example of a successful project, she convinces more people of that power.

Bridging Efforts: May Term 2010 in El Salvador

Join students, Claudia Bernardi, Associate Professor of Spanish Ivy Arbulú, and MBC Communication Instructor Alan Moyé in Perquin, El Salvador, May 6–19. More information: Heather Ward, director of international programs, 540-887-7113 or hward@mbc.edu.



Schools of Excellence

CREATE

*Bold,
Synergy*

TO
REDEFINE MBC

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IN HER STATE OF THE COLLEGE ADDRESS

launching the 2009–10 academic year, MBC President Pamela Fox called for a creative, comprehensive restructuring of the college's programs to reach the "sweet spot" where mission — MBC's long-standing core strengths and values — intersects with market needs and expectations.

"I call upon us to launch four schools, Schools of Excellence, on July 1, 2010," Fox told the faculty and staff who filled Francis Auditorium in August. These schools will increase the visibility of the many existing strengths at Mary Baldwin College and "highlight our unique and distinctive programs," she emphasized. The myriad developments and innovations of the past 30 years need to be showcased in a clear framework, making them more obvious to prospective students and potential donors alike.

In other words, MBC needs a structure to ensure that the college is understood as greater than the sum of its parts.

The Schools of Excellence model is a bold synthesis that provides clarity and organization, retaining existing academic programs and creating new opportunities for synergy among them. It affirms the college's long-term commitment to the liberal arts, collaborative research, women's education, diversity, international connectivity, and civic engagement. It adds structure that "connects theory to practice" and — most importantly — "makes our strengths visible" to those outside the MBC community, Fox said.

The reorganization is based firmly in the college's mission — the foundation or ground in the "tree" diagram (see p. 21). At the top of the graphic are MBC graduates, the women and men whose Mary

Baldwin education has given them the confidence, knowledge, and experience to lead; the compassion to serve; and the courage to change the world.

All students enter through a Gateway that provides context, connection, and direction — a graduate program, the Adult Degree Program, or one of the Residential College for Women Leadership Gateways (see pages 4-7 for a closer look at our Leadership Gateways).

Growing out of the mission is the robust trunk of the liberal arts undergraduate common curriculum and graduate studies. The Schools of Excellence add substance to the educational journey, offering not only depth of knowledge and intellectual growth, but also experiential elements blending classroom work and real-world practice that prepare students for life and career. Within each school, faculty and students will develop new collaborations where undergraduate and graduate, residential and non-residential programs support and draw from each other in fruitful ways. Where the schools intersect and overlap, interesting new interdisciplinary ideas will emerge. In the broader MBC community, fertile partnerships will be created through collaboration with organizations and individuals, in the region and around the globe.

“The goal is for each school to include a graduate program and a community partner — a school or organization — for service and experiential learning. Each will also have a national and an international partner — perhaps more than one,” said Catharine O’Connell, vice president for academic affairs and dean of the college.

Mary Baldwin already has several partnerships in place to use as models, she explained. “In Renaissance studies it’s American Shakespeare Center. In education, the schools where students teach provide partnerships. In Health Care Administration, partnerships are found in area hospitals,” O’Connell said. Another good example is Woodrow Wilson Presidential Library, MBC’s partner for its public history minor — the country’s only such academic partnership at the undergraduate level between a presidential library and a college.

MBC’s leadership boards — the Board of Trustees, Alumnae/i Association Board of Directors, Advisory Board of Visitors, and Parents Executive Committee — have long been engaged in the life of the college to the great benefit of Mary Baldwin and its students. Critical to the success of each school will be an even higher level of engagement by graduates who have related degrees and career experience.

Organization into Schools of Excellence will highlight Mary Baldwin’s academic strengths not only for the public, but also for students as they plan their programs of study. Each school will have an administrative office easily accessible to undergraduate and graduate students. Each faculty member will have a primary association with a school, but may participate actively in more than one. Far from creating barriers, the schools will be “permeable hubs” — with resources and ideas freely exchanged, encouraging both disciplinary and interdisciplinary academic excellence.

What’s in a School?

The integration of teaching and experiential learning, collaborative research, civic and global engagement, and leadership development as preparation for life and career is a time-tested hallmark of a Mary Baldwin College education. It will continue to be demonstrated through all courses of study. Existing offerings will, in time, be supplemented to

ensure that all four schools contain the following by 2014:

- Degree and certificate opportunities
 - Undergraduate majors and minors
 - Non-degree certificate programs (where appropriate)
 - Graduate and/or post-baccalaureate programs
- Experiential components blending theory with practice
 - Civic engagement in a global context, with one Spencer Center Fellow representing each school
 - One or more regional or national programmatic partners (current examples include American Shakespeare Center, Woodrow Wilson Presidential Library, and local school systems)
 - One or more partnerships with national and international organizations of service to young women
 - Changemaker jobs and internships
 - Career planning services
 - Partnerships with alumnae/i and other volunteer leaders in the MBC community

It takes the whole community

The new plan will be implemented in the course of just one academic year — lightning speed given how much must be accomplished in addition to the ongoing business of running the college and teaching students. First, the final organization of majors and minors were determined. Names for each school with just the right balance of accurate description and memorable brevity were agreed upon. Administrative structures have to be developed that correspond to the new academic organizational structure. A new marketing plan and materials must be developed. The common curriculum must be clarified and consolidated. And so much more.

Many will remember that in her first year, 2003–04, President Fox involved the entire MBC community through Web forums and personal interaction to compose the 10-year strategic plan. Building on that work and continuing the practice of collaborative planning, faculty and staff are working out details for how to most effectively implement the Schools of Excellence. Faculty started to work even before classes began this semester; on the August afternoon immediately following the State of the College address, O’Connell led a faculty retreat to initiate the restructuring discussion. As the academic year progresses, O’Connell continues to lead the faculty in creating a five-year academic plan.

By the end of January 2010, the faculty will have developed and voted on the new common liberal arts curriculum. The Schools of Excellence will appear on the college’s Web site (www.mbc.edu) and will be prominently featured in new marketing materials. New students in the Class of 2014 will enroll knowing that their academic paths will involve one of the four schools. On July 1, the schools will officially be launched. New students entering in August, as well as returning students, will have a better understanding of the value of their Mary Baldwin education.



Everyone benefits from the undergraduate-graduate connection

The course on Art and England I teach in MLitt [Master of Letters in Shakespeare and Renaissance Literature in Performance] cross-lists as an undergraduate course, and it certainly raises the bar of expectation for undergraduates. Many MLitt students have never had an art history course, so discussion with undergraduates helps them. Theatre students bring different ways of seeing things to art history. There is wonderful interplay between graduate and undergraduate students in this Renaissance studies course, and they both benefit.

— Sara Nair James '69, professor of art history

Community relationships add meaning and relevance

“Guest speakers from Martha Jefferson Hospital, Augusta Health, and Rockingham Memorial Hospital have been very good to us. A year ago, two top executives came to campus with a financial analysis of several product lines. These guys were great — real world projects, real world services, and real world analyses of their budgeting. The business office director at Augusta Health walked students through the billing process of a patient as she enters the emergency room: this is what was done, this is what it costs, and this is the reimbursement. He showed a sample bill; the students were in awe. Afterward they asked: “Can he come back?”

— Steven Mosher, professor of health care administration and political science

Alumnae/i are crucial to the success of the Schools of Excellence

“More than 25 percent of MBC graduates earn teacher licensure in addition to completing their major. As a result, we have many alumnae/i teaching in local schools, and in Richmond, Charlottesville, Roanoke, and other divisions. Our current students end up being in the classroom with those people; they are student teaching mentors and help with job placements. The feedback we receive through questionnaires indicates [that MBC has] an excellent reputation in the schools.”

— James McCrory, professor of education



The Four Schools

Arts, Humanities, and Renaissance Studies

Mary Baldwin has long been known for faculty excellence and exemplary programs in the arts and humanities disciplines. With the addition of the MLitt/MFA program in 2001 and the partnership with American Shakespeare Center, we added a new area of distinction. The School brings together our historic areas of strength with innovative new programs to position us well for the future.

Undergraduate majors and minors:

African-American Studies

Art (Studio): emphases in ceramics, drawing, painting, printmaking, photography electronic art & design, extended media

Art History

Arts Management: concentrations in theatre, music, and art Creative Writing

English

Film: emphases in film studies, film production

French

Historic Preservation

History

Ministry

Music: emphases in music literature and history, music performance

Philosophy

Philosophy and Religion

Public History

Religion

Spanish

Theatre: optional concentrations in acting/directing, theatre history/literature, and theatre practice

Women's Studies

Graduate programs:

Master of Letters in Shakespeare and Renaissance Literature in Performance

Master of Fine Arts

Five-year program:

BA/MLitt: combines BA in theatre with MLitt in Shakespeare

Endowed programs:

Carpenter Preparation for Ministry

Carpenter Quest

Distinctive interdisciplinary programming:

Doenges Visiting Artist/Scholar program

Partnerships and affiliations:

American Shakespeare Center

Woodrow Wilson Presidential Library

Virginia Program at Oxford

Education, Health, and Social Work

The programs in this School share a commitment to superior professional preparation. MBC's education program prepares teachers across the Commonwealth and has a well-deserved reputation for excellence. Health Care Administration is a distinctive and well-regarded program — one of only two fully-certified programs in Virginia. Social Work is our newest professional program of distinction and has promise for significant growth.

Undergraduate majors and minors:

Clinical Laboratory Science

Education

Health Care Administration

Public Health

Social Work

Special Education

*Physical Education (*courses will be taught through this school, but no major is offered*)

Non-degree certificates:

Health Care Management

Long-Term Care Administration

Post-Baccalaureate Teacher Licensure

Graduate programs:

Master of Arts in Teaching

Master of Education

Five-year program:

BA/MAT: combines BA with Master of Arts in Teaching

Endowed program:

Carpenter Health Care Administration Program

Partnerships and affiliations (representative sample):

More than 25 school divisions in Virginia, including Staunton, Waynesboro, and Augusta County, and those near MBC regional centers

Shenandoah Valley Student Teaching Consortium

Commonwealth Center for Children and Adolescents

Albemarle County, Augusta County, and Roanoke City departments of Social Services

Richmond Organization for Sexual Minority Youth

Staunton/Augusta/Waynesboro Coalition

Accreditations/certifications:

Teacher Education Accreditation Council (TEAC)

Virginia Department of Education

Association of University Programs in Health Administration

Council on Social Work Education (earned candidacy)

Social Sciences, Business, and Global Studies

The social science programs at Mary Baldwin prepare students well for the 21st-century world, from our new Business for a Sustainable Future major to the distinctive major in Asian Studies with its excellent exchange opportunities. Well-established strengths in economics, political science, and sociology give the School a breadth of excellence.

Undergraduate majors and minors:

Anthropology
Asian Studies
Business for a Sustainable Future
Communication
Economics
Global Poverty and Development
Human Resource Management
International Economics and Business
International Relations
Latin American Studies
Leadership Studies
Management
Marketing
Marketing Communication
Peacemaking and Conflict Resolution
Political Science
Sociology
Sociology/Anthropology
Sociology/Psychology
US Poverty Analysis

Non-degree certificate offerings:

Sustainable Business Management
Entrepreneurship
Human Resource Management
Leadership Studies
Marketing Communication

Partnerships and affiliations:

Clinton Global Initiative University
Women for Women International

Science

The School of Science brings together programs in biology, chemistry, mathematics, physics, and psychology to reinforce mutual areas of emphasis and a common commitment to providing opportunities for student intellectual exploration and experimental research. These programs have long been known for excellence in preparing students for graduate and professional study among other strengths.

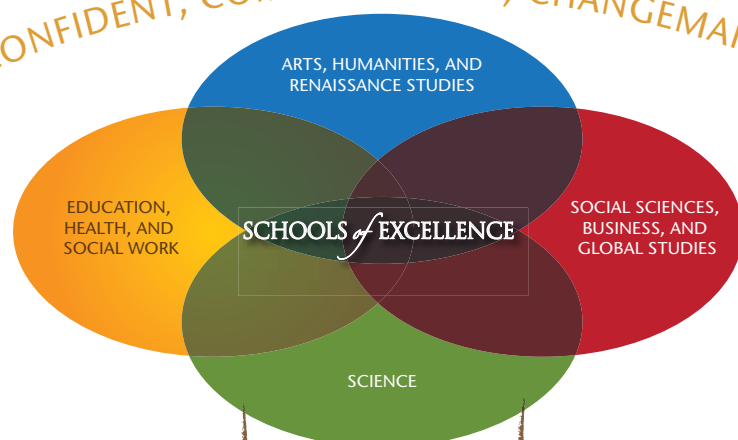
Undergraduate majors and minors:

Biology: emphases in biomedical science, science education
Chemistry: emphases in materials chemistry, and biochemistry
Computer Information Systems
Computer Science
Physics
Computer Science/Mathematics
Mathematics
Mathematics, Applied
Psychology: emphases in child psychology, mental health work, and personnel work

Partnerships and affiliations:

Washington & Lee University (physics)

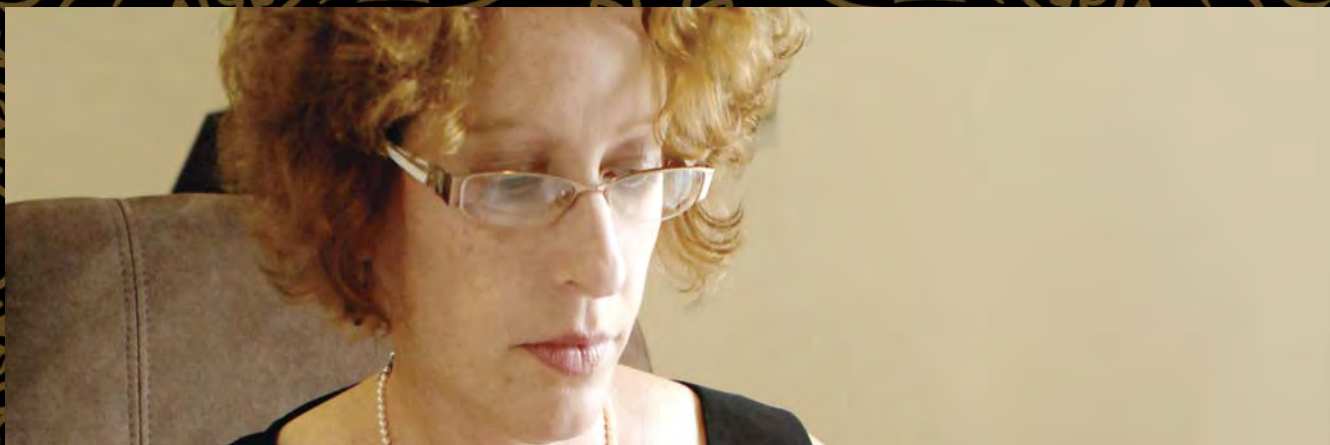
OUR GRADUATES CONFIDENT, COMPASSIONATE, CHANGEMAKERS



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dean's list:

New chief administrator dives in from day one

By Dawn Medley

Our appointment is scheduled for 2 p.m., but she calls me right in when I arrive five minutes early.

She's ready.

That does not, however, mean she stashed the budget reports and registrar's data she was reading out of sight or scrambled to make sure all her move-in boxes were tidy. This is the office of a person in transition, trying to learn as much as possible as quickly as possible, doing her best. Catharine O'Connell, its new occupant, sits easily in its midst. It is July 9, and she has officially been on the job for five days.

She's ready. Not just for her first interview as Mary Baldwin College's vice president for academic affairs (VPAA) and dean of the college, but for the role itself.

"Even from my brief acquaintance with the college, I see many exciting opportunities that result from Mary Baldwin's responsiveness to a changing world and being intentional about clearly articulating its educational values," O'Connell said shortly after her appointment. From her first day in the office, she became fully immersed in those opportunities. She is swimming in

them, really — already demonstrating her relationship by employing "we" and "our" when talking about MBC.

"This first week has been about getting up to speed, learning where we are as an institution and our position in a national context," said O'Connell, gesturing to binders, folders, and bound reports that obscure the top of her generous desk.

O'Connell stopped in at the Staunton campus several times after the announcement of her hire in early January to shake hands, share anecdotes, and pick up background information. Now it was the real deal.

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It took nearly three years to find O'Connell — while Edward Scott, professor of philosophy, served capably and enthusiastically as interim VPAA and dean — and she is uniquely prepared to add her voice to the vision for MBC. Her most recent position as

provost and VPAA at Defiance College in Ohio built the experience needed for her current role. At Defiance, she worked with faculty to create inventive academic programs such as the college's unique McMaster School for Advancing Humanity. New undergraduate majors in digital forensics, international and global studies, and teacher licensure in special education were also introduced under O'Connell's leadership.

Prior to her work at Defiance, O'Connell's position as dean for academic affairs at Philadelphia's Cabrini College prepared her for initiatives that Mary Baldwin continues to explore, such as learning communities, an honors living-learning environment, and community-based research. Her experience teaching English and developing a major in American literature at St. John Fisher College in Rochester, New York, prepared her for her additional Mary Baldwin role as professor of English.

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(Photos, page 22): Catharine O'Connell had been on the job as vice president for academic affairs and dean of the college for just a few weeks before her desk and her appointment book were crowded. **(Bottom):** O'Connell meets with Heather Ward, director of international programs.

(At right): O'Connell addresses a group of faculty and staff charged with enhancing students' first-year experience **(top)**; works through institutional assessment data **(center)**; and meets with Steve Grande, director of civic engagement **(bottom)**.



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O'Connell's first week at MBC was punctuated by a three-day Independence Day weekend, but it still managed to include a two-day retreat with the college's executive staff, a handful of meetings with President Pamela Fox and other administrators, lots of reading, and drop-ins by faculty and staff.

"Several people have come in just to say hello with their children. That shows me that Mary Baldwin is a family as well as a college," said O'Connell, mother of children ages 12 and 15 with husband, Matt.

As the college's primary liaison and

advocate for faculty, O'Connell takes seriously her responsibility to know and recognize members by their faces and their work. She takes seriously the task of reading their annual reports — which include self-evaluations. In addition, Terri Walker, administrative coordinator of academic affairs, created a book that includes pictures of each professor and vital information, such as his or her title and department chair status. The dean used a similar method at Defiance College, explaining that "knowing the faculty as individuals is crucial at a small institution. I'm look-

ing forward to that part."

She was also thinking ahead to the faculty retreat she planned immediately following President Fox's State of the College address on August 26, a meeting she conceived and announced even before the official start of her tenure. It was at that meeting where she would introduce the faculty to a new way of organizing the college beginning in the 2009–10 academic year: four schools of study that emphasize national and international partnerships and highlight the strengths of a Mary Baldwin education. It would be a meeting where some would

DeanSpeak

Deans of the college in MBC's recent past freely dispensed words of wisdom during their tenures, and they were eager to welcome Dr. O'Connell with sage advice for taking on the leadership position. To keep it interesting, we asked them to give their guidance in 140 characters or fewer — the maximum allotment for a Twitter post (we did allow them to go a *tad* longer!) *Want to share your own welcome for Dean O'Connell? Use Twitter to respond to MBC's recent post about her new role at the college: twitter.com/MaryBaldwinColl#mbcdean.*



DEANS OF THE COLLEGE, 1923–PRESENT

Not since 1986 has MBC been shepherded by a female dean of the college, but Catharine O'Connell can draw much womanly wisdom from the college's early leaders. On the list of former deans are Elizabeth Pfohl Campbell, who helped establish the college's Student Government Association, and Martha Grafton, who was a legendary force during her 25-year tenure. Each dean brought purposefulness to the role, and O'Connell starts her chapter with a strong sense of both.

Marianna Higgins	1923–30 (principal of Mary Baldwin Seminary, named dean when it became a college)
Elizabeth Pfohl	1930–36
Elizabeth Hoon	1936–37
Elizabeth Poole	1937–41
Anna Morton	1941–42
Katharine Sherrill	1942–45
Martha Grafton	1945–70
Elke Frank	1970–72
Marjorie Chambers	1972–75
Dorothy Mulberry	1975–80
Michael Pincus	1980–82
Irene Hecht	1982–85
Dorothy Mulberry	1985–86
James Lott	1986–2001
Roderic Owen	2000 (acting dean)
Jeffery Buller	2001–06 (<i>during Buller's tenure, the position was redefined to include the responsibilities of the vice president for academic affairs, which continues to the present.</i>)
Edward Scott	2006–09 (acting VPAA and dean)

Compiled by William Pollard, college archivist

need convincing that the new structure will enhance, not hinder, their department and their instruction. Her objectives: create consensus on goals for 2009–10 and give faculty a forum in which to articulate their priorities ... and match her reading and photos with living, breathing scholars and teachers. (*Read more about MBC's Schools of Excellence beginning on page 18.*)

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The telltale “board books” on her table in early July indicated that Vice President O'Connell was in full prepara-

tion mode for her first Mary Baldwin College Board of Trustees meeting. Just a few days after her interview, she embarked for Richmond with college executive staff to meet the 30 members of the board, many for the first time. They were just as eager to greet her as she was to learn more about them.

“I was struck by the degree of genuine engagement board members had in the topics up for discussion,” O'Connell said about the day-long meeting. “They were not simply receiving reports, but bringing their collective wisdom and expertise to bear on complex issues. The board is an example, in microcosm, of

the power of different constituencies of men and women at Mary Baldwin.”

In the midst of all the positive energy surrounding her welcome and orientation to Mary Baldwin College, O'Connell realizes that many may not see this as an ideal time to be in higher education leadership. The national recession and trends away from private college enrollment are real, and MBC is not immune. “It is a challenging moment to come in and to help the college get where it would like to be,” she said. “But it is also one that creates tremendous opportunities and helps us focus on what needs to be done and done quickly.”

✱ “Learn history and traditions. As problems arise, don't crisis manage; look for long-term solutions. Leading is a team sport. It demands practice!” — **Irene Hecht, 1982–85**

✱ “You don't need my advice: You have a stunning record (and the luck of the Irish). Trust your vision. Enjoy your colleagues. Breathe deeply and often.” — **Jim Lott, 1986–2001**

✱ “Never forget that deans rarely make a difference in someone's life at a formal meeting or in the office, but in casual conversations.” — **Jeffrey Buller, vice president for academic affairs and dean of the college 2001–06**

✱ “Find a Sancho Panza to your Don Quixote, to keep your link to the cumbersome and sometimes intractable real. Be also the heroic dreamer yourself.” — **Edward Scott (acting VPAA and dean), 2006–09**

Discovered

Former MBC researcher reveals 100-year-old handwritten notes about Mary Julia Baldwin

in the Margins

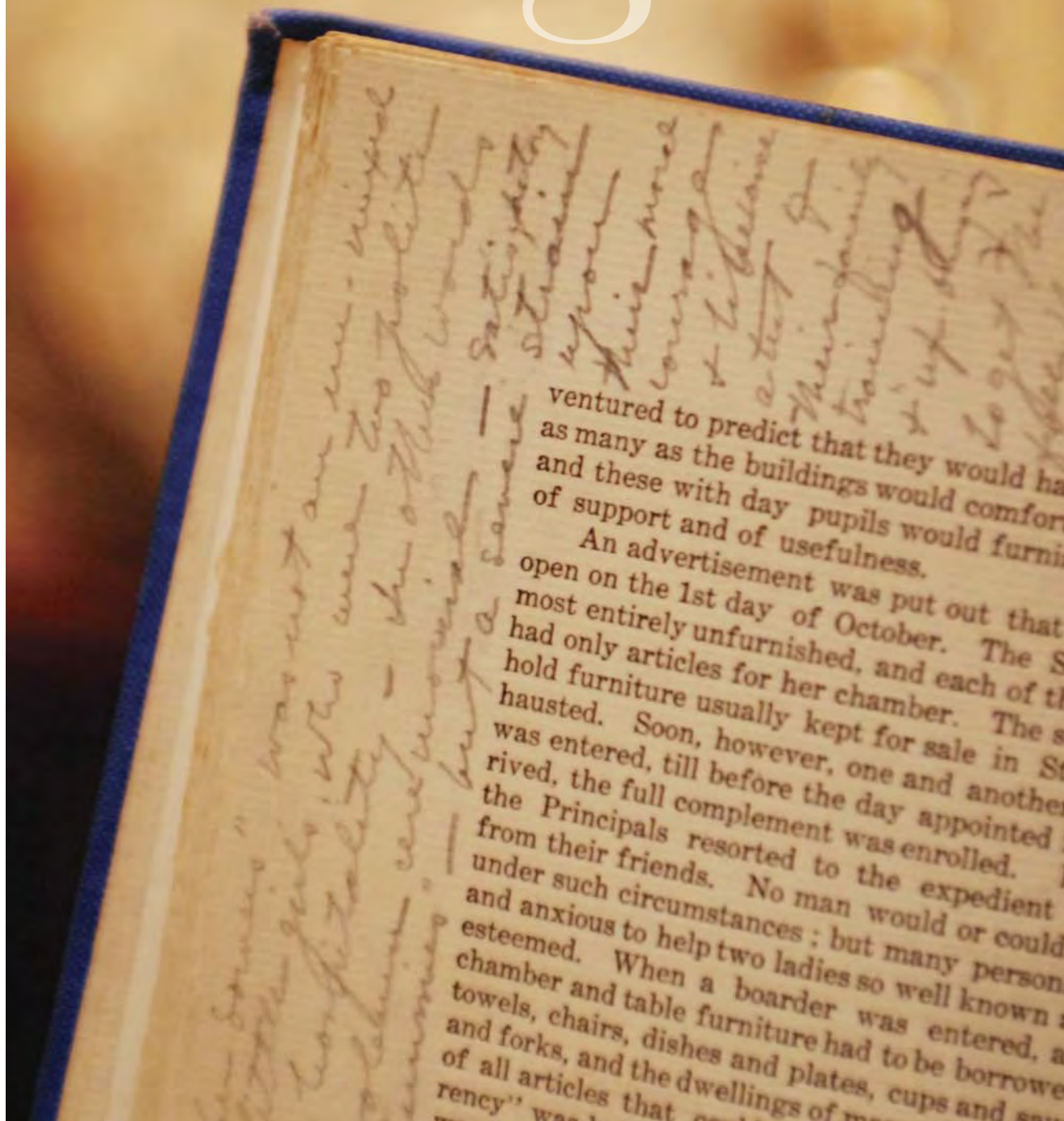


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It started with an innocent trip to an estate sale. Shirley Craft, former Mary Baldwin College director of prospect research and records, frequently picks up Mary Baldwin memorabilia and artifacts at local estate sales. In March 2000, she was pleased to place the winning bid on a copy of *The History of Mary Baldwin Seminary* by Joseph Waddell, but it was not until she started flipping the pages that she found the real treasure.

"I was overwhelmed, just overwhelmed," said Craft, describing handwritten notes discovered in one chapter of the book — notes about Mary Julia Baldwin's bold actions to protect the school during the Civil War, climbing a ladder to paint a campus building, and other anecdotes.

Nearly 100 years elapsed between Waddell's writing and the auction where Craft bought the book, but the effort of Mary Julia Baldwin — and the faculty and staff — to create their way forward is evidenced as clearly then as it is today. The personal musings of Augusta Bumgardner — to whom the book was autographed and addressed by Waddell — bring to life the book's main character, Mary Julia Baldwin, and demonstrate how her resourcefulness led a thriving school through the toughest of times.

For more than 20 years at MBC — she retired in December 2008 — Craft researched prospective donors for the college, and had long been involved in genealogical research for her family and others. She relied on those sleuthing skills to uncover more about Bumgardner's connection to Staunton and to the college. Craft used alumnae/i records, college archives and publications, and local newspaper archives to learn that Bumgardner was an 1893 literary arts graduate of Augusta Female Seminary. From materials provided by William Pollard, MBC archivist, Craft learned that Bumgardner was in personal contact with Miss Baldwin and interviewed her about running the school during the Civil War for the seminary's literary magazine, *The Augusta Seminary Annual*. Bumgardner's article, "Seminary in War Times," is cited in Dr. Mary Watters' definitive volume, *The History of Mary Baldwin College*, as "a sort of classic on this 'heroic' period," Craft notes.

Craft continued to gather biographical information: Born April 10, 1874, Augusta Bumgardner was the daughter of Capt. James Bumgardner, an attorney, and Mary Mildred Bumgardner of Augusta County, Virginia. Her sister, Eugenia, also attended the Seminary from 1891 until 1898 when she graduated from the Conservatory of Music. She had another sister, Ellen, and a brother, Rudolph, the grandfather of Judge Rudolph Bumgardner III of Staunton.

Augusta never married and lived with her sister, Eugenia, on South Coalter Street in Staunton. Both were active members of the Mary Baldwin Alumnae Association. Augusta served on the campaign executive committee in 1925. According to the February 8, 1952, issue of *The News Leader*, she died February 6, 1952, after a lengthy illness and is buried at Bethel Presbyterian Church Cemetery near Greenville, Virginia.

Craft spent several days transcribing the script to reveal Bumgardner's comments that are printed on these pages. Her diminutive cursive writing winds around the wide margins of the book, on several pages using every bit of available space. While Craft worked, she envisioned Bumgardner bending over the pages, pencil in hand: "She was especially paying attention to the chapter about Mary Julia Baldwin's administration because she knew her personally. There were some areas where she was trying to give the rest of the story ... she knew more detail. She was probably resting and didn't want to get out the pen and ink — there were no ballpoint pens at that time — so she had a pencil at hand, and she just jotted down her notes." ▲

Craft's transcription is printed here with minimal alteration to provide an accurate record of what Augusta Bumgardner wrote in the margins of The History of Mary Baldwin Seminary. The notes are at times rambling, and occasionally difficult to follow, but they are true to Bumgardner's words, penciled in 1908. Excerpts from the book appear in italics to provide context. The mark [illeg] indicates an illegible word or words in her handwriting. All notes are from "Chapter III: Administration of Miss Baldwin."

☞ "Miss Baldwin was reared in Staunton by her maternal grand-parents ... she stated to me that if she survived her grandmother, with whom she lived, her purpose was to open a school for girls, and devote herself to teaching, not merely as a means of support, but of leading a useful life. Her grandmother died early in the year 1862, and she then began a private school in rented premises, which promised to be eminently successful." (p.30)

"Note I ask Mrs. Margaret Weller if this private school was conducted in the old dwelling house on South Market St. where she lived with Mrs. Sowers, which Mrs. Weller has a vivid memory even down to the place in the rooms where certain articles of furniture stood. She, Mrs. Weller, even remembering a particular table or more correctly speaking, cellarette, in which Mrs. Sowers was in the habit of keeping ginger cakes for the young pupils.

"They were made, however, these ginger cakes, discreetly, with a mathematical precision in [illeg] & in order — if any little chap was sufficiently unfortunate as to spill a few crumbs, they were politely & firmly requested to fetch the broom from a certain specific spot where it invariably stood & sweep up the aforementioned crumbs. Therefore altho' the ginger bread was toothsome, its consumption made the keen eyes of old "Grandmother Sowers" was not an un-mixed joy to timid little girls, who were too polite to refuse the proffered hospitality. In other words, it partook more of a solemn ceremonial — satisfactory & soothing it is true to their "tiny tummies" — but a severe strain upon their moral courage & likesome a test of their family training & "up-bringing." To get the full flavor of their account one should hear from Mrs. Weller's own lips, as I had the privilege of doing some 2 yrs. ago.

"The story — the subject having been brought up by my casual allusion to the

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recovery by Col. H. H. Wayt of the famous cellarette belonging to his great-grandmother Sowers — being much interested in such old family friends & it being commonly known among my friends that I [illeg] for lack of a better term is commonly called “The old furniture.” He, Col. Wayt, called [illeg] Mr. Walters, our local cabinetmaker, to inspect the cellarette then in Mr. W[alter]’s hands. My description of the [illeg] to Mrs. Weller caused her to immediately exclaim, “Well, Gus, I do believe that is old Grandmother Sowers’ ginger cake table.”

“She expressed her intention of asking Col. Wayt to let her inspect the piece. Whether she did so or not I do not know at this writing. I [illeg] to mention the conversation to Col. Wayt — but my memory is so little to be relied upon that I do not recall whether I did so or not. For

the same reason, I may have made some mistakes [illeg] in recounting this incident since several yrs. (1 or 2 at any rate) have elapsed & the whole matter had passed from my mind until recalled by this article. 1910”

✎ “*The experiences of the Seminary during the war are an interesting chapter in its history, and we have a sprightly account of them, written by Miss Augusta Bumgardner, a former pupil, and published in the Seminary Annual of 1893. Miss Bumgardner was not born till after the war, and obtained her facts from others.*” (p. 33)

“I obtained my facts from Miss Baldwin herself. She was then in full possession of all of her wonderful mental faculties — I talked with her for an

hour or more, taking notes of all she said. At the end of that interview, I returned to my room & wrote out in full the account given above. The article is therefore almost word-for-word as she gave it to me. At that time I had a fine memory & allowing for the difference in phraseology between a raw school girl & Miss Baldwin’s own cultivated diction, the above is practically Miss Baldwin’s own version of the difficulties & trials — lacking, however, the charm & polish of her delightful personality. I should never have consented to being her scribe & would have insisted that the article be signed by herself & that she dictate it to me word for word, as it fell from her lips — but, at that time, her health was failing fast, her eyesight almost gone & it was a severe strain upon her physical strength to merely grant me the interview. Under the circumstances, I felt highly honored to be chosen for her humble mouthpiece.”

✎ *Following several paragraphs about how Mary Julia Baldwin and her students cleverly protected their supplies from troops during the Civil War: “Yet not always were their little schemes so successful, as when some of the girls attempted to roll a barrel of sorghum up the dining-room stairs and the head came out! They had this consolation, however, if they could not eat that sorghum, neither could the Yankees.” (p. 35)*

“Miss B. laughingly assured me that from the day she stood at the head of the stairs looking down upon that “river of molasses,” the hoarded & only “sweet” for the winter, so sickening a sense of loss.”

✎ “*The furniture ... was collected here and there, no two pieces being alike. A mirror had by great exertion been procured for every room but one, and ... they begged Miss Baldwin to try again; they had looked at themselves in the water bowl until they were tired, and they did want a looking-glass. Miss*

We asked. Students, alumnae, faculty, and staff responded.

Great Moments in MBC History



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“My favorite bits of history are about the creative ways that that then-seminary survived the Civil War. I found it absolutely fascinating that one woman and her assistant kept it open and that has led to its success today.”

— HEATHER BASTIEN '10

“My favorite Mary Julia Baldwin story speaks to her ingenuity. To prevent Civil War soldiers from confiscating the seminary’s flour supply, she instructed students and staff to cover barrels of flour with petticoats and use them as nightstands.”

— DORI STIEFEL '91

“Da and Da (relatives of the famous Ham and Jam) got their first coat of paint in 2003.”

— ELIZABETH DATTILIO '09

Baldwin set out and returned triumphant, bringing the panel of an old-fashioned clock in which was set a mirror. A friend to whom she told her trouble had unearthed it from the dust and cobwebs of [her] garret. No plate-glass mirror was ever received with such joyful exclamations.” (p. 37–38)

“This friend was no other than the Hon. A. H. H. Stuart, Miss Baldwin’s kinsman, friend & councilor & he himself rooted this mirror out of his attic of his house now occupied by his daughter, Mrs. Alex Robertson.” [Stuart served as Secretary of the Interior to President Millard Fillmore and was cited as “one of Virginia’s most prominent citizens” in *The New York Times* in 1884.]

“When the war ended the Principals found themselves in possession of a consider-

able amount of worthless “Confederate money” and some articles of second-hand furniture and musical instruments they had been able to purchase. The friends who had loaned furniture soon reclaimed the various articles which by that time they needed on account of the wear and tear in their own dwellings. The Seminary was thus again left nearly destitute of furniture.” (p. 39)

“Miss Baldwin in this conversation also related to me this incident. At the end of her first scholastic year, upon going over [the accounts, she found that she had cleared for her year of hard, unceasing labor, the munificent fund of 75 cents. She invested that sum in a pot of paint & a paint brush. Then regardless of public opinion, she mounted a ladder & proceeded to give her building a coat of paint.

A man, whose name I cannot recall, who

was at that time starting a school of [illeg] in Staunton — I do not remember whether it was for boys or girls — happened past with less manners than discretion ... he tarried to fling some jibing [illeg] as to her business qualifications or undignified appearance. I forget which. Without dismounting from her ladder, nor so much as deigning to notice the implied [illeg] she flung back at him this Parthian Dart: ‘If you’d buy a pot of paint & go to work to paint your own schoolhouse, it might prove a better [sic] stroke of business for you than [illeg] about the town in a dignified state.’ That the gentleman’s name is lost to history is sufficient evidence as to which proved the better ‘business.’ I could easily make inquiry & discover the name of this gallant gentleman, but I prefer not to sully this record of her deeds with his proper name & title. Let him rest in the oblivion his own incapacity has.”



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Crafting History

Her office nameplate could have read “Shirley Craft: Private Investigator.” For more than 20 years, Craft scoured newspaper clippings, court records, institutional databases, Lexis Nexis, and countless other sources for information about people who were potential contributors to the college — financially or otherwise. She did it all while maintaining high standards for confidentiality and the subject’s privacy.

Before applying as administrative assistant to the director of development at MBC in 1987, Craft had held several positions at General Electric, worked in a law office, and been a school administrative assistant in Augusta County, Virginia.

Late in her career, Craft helped obtain up-to-date or new research for 350 MBC fundraising prospects in just one year. She also supported the college during two major fundraising efforts, the Sesquicentennial Campaign and The Leadership Initiative.

Mary Baldwin’s tuition exchange and employee benefits helped two of Craft’s five children enroll at MBC and allowed her to experiment with a course here and there. She also can’t help but brag that two of her daughters-in-law are Mary Baldwin alumnae.



ONLINE HIGHLIGHT

Shirley Craft’s warmth and passion for familial research are palpable when she explains her investigation and transcription at www.mbc.edu/magazine.

“During my years at MBC 1967–71, we had many student protests related to women’s liberation. The subject of one particular protest may not be relevant today, but the results have stuck with me to this day. We gathered on the front yard of former dean Martha Grafton’s home. Our complaint started with, ‘We, the girls of MBC,’ to which Dean Grafton had a memorable reply: ‘You think of yourselves as girls. When you think of yourselves as women, I will talk to you.’ The term ‘girls’ has forever taken on a different meaning for me! She probably never knew the impact of that statement — or maybe she did.”

— KAREN KELLY HARTLEY ‘71

“My historical piece about Mary Baldwin is a rather personal one. I just have this amazing mental picture of my grandmother pulling up to the entrance of the college in a horse and carriage, which she rode all the way from Newberry, South Carolina. Family circumstances only allowed her to attend the seminary for one year — and I’m not sure of the exact dates — but it must have been around the time that Mary Julia Baldwin was leading the school! I just love thinking about what the seminary must have been like at that time.”

— NANCY DUNBAR ‘60

“Another great topic is MBC setting up schools for girls in Korea and China in the late 1800s and early 1900s — very unusual at the time.”

— DANIEL MÉTRAUX,
PROFESSOR OF ASIAN STUDIES

“When the new library [Martha S. Grafton Library] was built in 1967, rather than have a moving company transfer the books, we formed a human chain and passed books hand to hand from the old building to the new. The weather was warm, for some reason I remember wearing Bermuda shorts; probably because we couldn’t usually wear them on front campus. I don’t remember paying much attention to the ‘titles’ as they passed, it was more like a sunny, silly, gossipy day, one of those times of routine work that’s soothing in its sameness. I like to think we were women who knew how to get things done on a shoestring budget while having fun, a worthwhile lesson for any MBC graduate.”

— SALLIE SCHISLER ‘67

*“Amusing and interesting is a story about Woodrow Wilson being turned away from the school. Young men could call upon students only if they brought letters of permission from their parents and guardians. Young, pre-presidential Woodrow Wilson was no exception. To paraphrase Dr. Watters’ *The History of Mary Baldwin College: When the doorman asked for their letters, one stated he was Mr. Thomas Woodrow Wilson, a cousin of the young ladies and a son of a former pastor of Miss Baldwin; his friend was also the son of a minister. After what seemed a long, long time, the doorman returned to inform the pair that they need not wait any longer — if they didn’t have their papers, they weren’t going to see the young ladies.*”*

— BILL POLLARD, COLLEGE ARCHIVIST



Female Competitors Honored Athletic Hall of Fame Revived After 25-Year Hiatus

Rock 'n' roll has one. Nearly every major national sport has one. And so does Mary Baldwin College. But the college's Hall of Fame — its Athletic Hall of Fame, to be precise — had been inactive for more than 20 years. Just three names appear on the plaque displayed at the entrance of the Physical Activities Center.

Earlier this year, Sharon Spalding, director of athletics and wellness, sensed that the time was right to revive official recognition of MBC's standout athletes. She called on the Mary Baldwin community for nominations for former athletes to join Hall of Fame members Cindy Goeltz Wilkomm '66, Nancy Falkenberg Muller '67, and Mary Hotchkiss Leavel '73. Spalding is driven by the desire to bring female athletes into the spotlight, and the idea is gradually gaining momentum.

"Mary Baldwin College has long valued student participation in athletics and physical activity. Searching through old *Bluestocking* yearbooks, we found teams on campus as early as 1901," Spalding said.

Whether the competition is at a National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) Division I university or a small women's college, watching an exceptional athlete perform is intense, inspiring, and exciting, Spalding said. She refers to recent moments, such as the roar of the crowd during basketball standout Jessica Carter's final home game in 2008, when Carter

was headed toward setting the college's all-time scoring record of 1,943 points.

Carter is not yet eligible for the MBC Athletic Hall of Fame — nominees must have graduated at least 10 years ago — but there are many others who deserve to be highlighted and meet the criteria outlined at www.mbc.edu/athletics/HallofFame.php. The group's first new members since 1984 will be inducted during Reunion festivities in April 2010, and additions will continue each year.

"It is important that the Hall of Fame recognize early pioneers in sports at MBC, and more recent athletes who excelled as the college grew through membership in the Old Dominion Athletic Conference, the Atlantic Women's Colleges Conference, and the USA South Athletic Conference," Spalding said.

As demonstrated when the Fighting Squirrels' earned the 2008–09 Sportsmanship Award from USA South, succeeding in athletics isn't limited to winning. Athletic Hall of Fame members may also be those who overcame obstacles to play college sports or inspired teammates with passion and love of the game.

"More than teaching athletes how to win, we strive to teach them about life, how to make good decisions, and do the right things to move toward a winning record," said Paul Yee, head volleyball coach and sports information director at MBC, regarding the 2009 award. As an



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Tennis was a powerhouse sport at Mary Baldwin College when Cindy Goetz Wilkomm '66, Nancy Falkenberg Muller '67, and Mary Hotchkiss Leavel '73 were inducted into the college's Athletic Hall of Fame. Director of Athletics and Wellness Sharon Spalding is eager to reinstate the Hall of Fame in 2010.



Nominate yourself or your favorite athletes online, or send suggestions to Spalding at sspalding@mbc.edu.

athlete in high school and college, Yee said the teams on which he played didn't always win, but they kept up the pursuit to become better. "Sportsmanship begins when your opponents arrive or you get to their site, and it continues even after that final handshake."

Reviving the Hall of Fame at Mary Baldwin is an important step in recognizing how hard female athletes work and the lifelong benefits of participation in team sports.

The revitalized Athletic Hall of Fame begins with you.



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Dori Stiefel '92

Volunteering, Connecting Are at Heart of MBC Alumnae/i Experience

I have never been as proud of Mary Baldwin College as I am right now. Under President Fox's leadership, and with considerable engagement among faculty, staff, and students, our school is about excellence for every student, every day. Mary Baldwin students and graduates are up to exciting things. Come play!

If you are into social events, consider:

- Joining or forming a Dutch treat lunch bunch in your area to get together monthly for good food and conversation.
- Becoming a hospitality leader and welcoming new alumnae/i into your area or connecting them to the community and other alumnae/i.
- Hosting a party in your community. Visit www.mbc.edu/alumnae/voluntr.asp for a checklist, then contact the Alumnae/i Office for a list of names and to add your event to the master calendar.
- Volunteering to become a class leader and organizing your next Reunion.

If you are into career networking or community involvement, consider:

- Joining the Mary Baldwin online community via a password-protected social networking site managed by Harris Connect. A recent letter from the college had your password or you can reach the Alumnae/i Office for details. This is a great site for getting connected with other alumnae/i or for making career and volunteer connections. You can even download a Facebook application to automatically update your Mary Baldwin site page when you update your Facebook profile.
- Hosting a networking event to make career and volunteer connections.
- Offering resume writing, interviewing, real estate purchasing, career, and life- balancing tips, and more to recent graduates. When you volunteer with the Alumnae/i Office, mention your areas of expertise.
- Hosting students or young alumnae/i who are in your area for job interviews. The Alumnae/i Office staff is waiting to coordinate your visits.
- Organizing a service project in your area for alumnae/i. For example, many people hosted Apple Day gatherings this fall.

If you are into admissions recruiting, consider:

- Talking to prospective students and parents at a nearby admissions fair. The Alumnae/i Office staff or an alumnae/i volunteer will make sure you have handouts, talking points, and details for the event.
- Connecting local high school teachers and guidance counselors with the Mary Baldwin College Admissions Office so they can receive current information about our school.
- Filling out the online prospective student referral form so the college knows about interesting students who can have their application fee waived:
www.mbc.edu/forms_pub/alum/refer_frm.asp
- Calling accepted students to tell them more about the college. The Alumnae/i Office can provide talking points and contact information.

If you are into fundraising, consider:

- Checking out the amazing Mary Baldwin stories at www.mbc.edu/amazing
- Writing your classmates to thank them for their gifts to the Annual Fund or for participation in planned giving.
- Applying for a Mary Baldwin College Visa, which offers WorldPoints rewards (www.bankofamerica.com/worldpoints) to you and cash back to the college.
- Hosting a fundraiser where the proceeds go to MBC.

I challenge you to find at least two things that appeal, then write alumnae@mbc.edu or call 800-763-7359 with your choices to get started! I picked this list because it's a balance of different activities requiring different skills and offering different benefits to you. Personally, I have the most fun offering tips to young alumnae/i (because they can use them immediately) and using my Mary Baldwin College Visa (because the College benefits without any effort on my part). Whichever activities you choose, I promise you'll have fun.

Yours,
Dori Akerman Stiefel, '92

Alumnae/i Office Volunteering

800-763-7359

alumnae@mbc.edu

www.mbc.edu/alumnae/voluntr.asp

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www.alumniconnections.com/olc/pub/MBC/homepage.cgi

Sign up. Start sharing.

The new alumnae/i online community allows you to:

- start and participate in discussion groups
- search for other alumnae/i
- make your Annual Fund gift
- post your resume and find career opportunities
- and much more!

Class Columns in this issue of The Mary Baldwin College Magazine includes information submitted since August 2008. We realize this is a lengthy span of time and are exploring additional avenues to provide you with more timely classmate updates, such as the alumnae/i connection Web site at www.alumniconnections.com/olc/pub/MBC/homepage.cgi, the college's Facebook page and alumnae/i groups on that site, class newsletters, and more. If a representative is not listed for your class here, please continue to send your updates to alumnae@mbc.edu.

A new limit of 50 words for each individual note will be established beginning with our spring 2010 issue. The word count does not include the name of the submitter or other alumnae/i mentioned, but does include all other words. The magazine editor and staff in the Alumnae/i Office edited submissions for this issue; class secretaries will be responsible for trimming the notes they receive for future issues to 50 words or fewer. We are thrilled to hear more about the exciting news in your lives through other channels outlined above, and hope you will take advantage of them to expand on the magazine's Class Columns.

FOCUS ON PHOTO QUALITY

We welcome photos to accompany your class update. To make sure they are printable, we ask you to follow a few guidelines:

- Digital photos must be a minimum of 300 dpi (dots per inch) at 4x6 inches in JPEG format with minimal compression. The best way to submit these is on a CD or via e-mail. Low resolution images from the internet (72 dpi) are not acceptable.

1933

RUTH PUTNEY EDMUNDS Shepard writes, "At 97, I reside in Edgewood Summit, a retirement community in Charleston WV and am the oldest original member of First Presbyterian Church in Charleston (built in 1915). Though I rarely leave my apartment, I continue to live independently with the assistance of a part-time caregiver. I enjoy visits from my daughters, grandchildren, and everyone."

1935

Missy Aslund, daughter of **GERDA QUELCH Wootten** of Wilmington NC notified us of her mother's passing on October 23, 2008. She reported that Gerda was a member of the Junior League, Serocis Club, co-founder of the Wilmington Railroad Museum, a volunteer at the Seamen's Center at the State Port, and worked for 12 years in the gift shop at New Hanover Medical Center. She also loved poetry, reading, and writing. "I cannot tell you how many wonderful memories my mother had at MBC and the precious stories she shared with me of those days."

1965

POKHEI KIM writes: "My husband, Christian Burgasser, and I visited with Mrs. Jane Shields and her family, in Staunton, during the Easter season in 2009. I was a foreign student on a scholarship and lived with Dr. and Mrs. Shields. It has been 40 years since I have been to Mary Baldwin College." [While on campus, Pokhei and her husband stopped by the Alumnae/i Office to visit with staff.]

1967

Send your class notes to: Kathy Rice Knowles rgknowles1@verizon.net Susan McKeown Waters smckwaters@comcast.net Lucia Lionberger Thomas [wdtlt@comcast.net](mailto:wdtlilt@comcast.net) **VIRGINIA "GINA" CARTER** Holden of Harrisonburg VA became a grandmother! Son Carter and daughter-in-law

Jennifer blessed Gina and husband Tom with their first grandchild, Maycie Joyce.

1968

Send your class notes to: Sue Dyer Stanley stanley6645@comcast.net **LADY APPLEBY Bird** retired on January 30 after 42 years in the workforce. Most recently she has been president of the organization Governor's Books from Birth Foundation, which implemented the Imagination Library statewide in Tennessee providing 55¢ (208,000) of the state's children under age five with a hardback, age-appropriate book each month from birth until five years old. My grandchildren who live in Nashville have been recipients of this wonderful program, so I have an extra thank you to send to Lady for a great service. **LADY APPLEBY Bird, DIANE HILLYER Copely, JANE HINDMAN Kyburz, PATTY JENKINS Thomas, BARBARA JOHNSTON Ogles, and ALICE LACY Wareham** got together for a mini-reunion in Destin FL. Jane was a great friend who transferred from MBC after a year. Patty ran into her at a party in Memphis and they all reconnected. • **LAWSON BONNER Anderson** joined the ranks of us happily retired ladies in May 2008. She was assistant clerk of Superior Court of Edgecombe County in charge of estates. Husband, Tommy, retired earlier as VP of student services of Edgecombe Community College. Lawson and Tommy have two girls, Lawson and Lane, and four grandchildren. Their families live in Chapel Hill and Charlotte, respectively. Lawson was one of my freshman roommates and she is in touch with our other roommate, **EDIE STOTLER**. A great reconnection for me! • **SUSANNE "SUE" DYER Stanley** has been retired just four years and loves every minute. She worked off and on for IBM for about 30 years and was ready to move on. Husband, Dave, is a semi-retired lawyer and they have two children. Jonathan is a lawyer and married to Eran, and they have two children, Lucy (4) and Jack (1). They live in Nashville

and are recipients of Lady's terrific book program. Daughter Katie is a third-year resident at University of Chicago hospital. She is in pediatrics and internal medicine, a residency known as Med-Peds. • **FRAN FORD** missed our 40th Reunion as she was in the middle of a corporate relocation to St. Louis. She is settled there now and lives in Lake St Louis. • **SUZANNE FREEMAN** is in Richmond VA, happily married to architectural historian Dennis Halloran. She has two wonderful step-daughters, Sybil, head of undergrad admissions at VCU, and Rebecca, an event coordinator at University of Chicago Business School. After positions at VCU and the Cabell Library, Suzanne is head fine arts librarian at Virginia Museum of Fine Arts, where she has been since 1995. The library is moving to the new Atrium in fall 2009, so she will be a busy lady leading up to the day she cuts the ribbon. • **CAROL MATTHEWS Ray** moved back to her hometown of Chester VA four years ago to be near her parents (mother, MBC 1944 and dad, VMI 1939). She retired after 26 years teaching art in Virginia public schools and now has added a studio to her house where she is planning to work on watercolors, oil, and jewelry. She also volunteers at a local nursing home. Carol has two sons who graduated from Randolph-Macon College, a great daughter-in-law, and two wonderful grandsons. About once a year Carol sees **BARBARA PENICK Jimenez**, who lives in Madrid. • **JENNETTE NORFLEET** moved back to her hometown of Winston-Salem NC and is in her 10th year working as a speech therapist in public schools. She also has a part-time job for her first love — translating historical documents written in old script from German to English. Her son, Brian, lives and works in Northern Virginia and her daughter, Emily, lives in the Charlotte area and works in Huntersville. Jennette keeps in touch with **MILLICENT WASSALL and GEORGEANNE BATES Chapman**. • **JANET PARRISH Harris** also has a first grandchild to

announce. Devin Wyatt Harris was born December 30, 2008, to their youngest son, David. Their older son is to be married in April in Westbury NY • **JANE STARKE Sims'** daughter, Lauren, and her husband have moved back to Baltimore and are now the parents of Jane's first grandchild, Lane Gladstone Smith, born October 23, 2008, weighing in at 8lbs 3oz. Jane is babysitting several days a week while her daughter works at a pharmaceutical company. • **ELIZABETH PEYTON WOOLDRIDGE** was ordained as a Christian minister in the International Ministerial Fellowship in November 2008. She is currently looking for a hospice chaplain job in the metro Columbia SC area. "Being ordained was a 40-year quest for me, since graduating from MBC in 1968 with a degree in religion and philosophy. I give full credit to my MBC professors: Dr. Marjorie Chambers, Dr. James McAllister, and Dr. Wellford Hobbie for planting the acorn of the '40-year' oak!"

1969

Send your class notes to: alumnae@mbc.edu **JOAN SKELTON Smith** is in the last month of finishing her fine arts degree at Bucks New University in High Wycombe, England. See Web sites www.joanskeltonsmith.co.uk and www.bucksfineartdegreeshow.co.uk

1970 REUNION '10

Send your class notes to: Elizabeth "Liz" Higginbotham lizh@hbiatl.com **WINDON BLANTON Biesecker** writes: "I would love to attend Reunion but my schedule won't permit. My husband, Ron, and I are moving to Sewanee TN July 30, 2009, where I will be enrolled for three years in the MDiv program at The School of Theology, University of the South. It's a very exciting time for us! All four of our children are grown, and we have three beautiful grandchildren ... so far. They're all supportive of our plans, but sad that we'll be farther away;

we've lived here for 30 years! Have a fabulous Reunion; I'll be thinking about you!"

1971

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LAUREL "LOLLY" CATCHING

Anderson of Oklahoma City OK published her second book, *Aussie at the Skirvin Hilton*, November 2008. For dog lovers and children, it recounts the adventures of her dog Aussie. Lolly enjoyed seeing **CECILE MEARS Turner '46** and **BONNIE BRACKETT Weaver '71** in Palm Beach in February 2009. • **CATHARINE HOLMES PIERCE Stringfellow** retired in July 2007 and left NC for Rio Rancho NM. She is active in local politics, hiking, and rockhounding. Son, Ryan, graduated with an environmental geology degree and daughter, Kate, attends school in Aston PA working on a degree in communications.

1972

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1973

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1977

Send your class notes to:
Pam Martin Comstock
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1978

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alumnae@mbc.edu
LISA ANNE HOWARD Grose and husband Rob have relocated to Frederick MD where Rob is a pastor at Mountain View Community Church. They have two amazing grandsons, Daniel and Joshua, who live in Richmond VA.

1979

Send your class notes to:
Kelley Rexrode
kelley@krexconsulting.com
ANA MARGARITA BENGOCHEA Pariselli of Atlanta GA and husband Victor have been married for 30 years and enjoy being empty nesters. Daughter Alyssa is studying nursing and is on a volleyball scholarship at Queens University of Charlotte. Daughter Carmen is a teacher and married living in Oneonta NY, where she is assistant coach for the women's soccer team at Hartwick College. Son Peter is attending law school at Seton Hall. "We would love a visit from anyone coming to Atlanta!"

1980 REUNION '10

Send your class notes to:
Laura Reed Bivans
ldmtbivans4321@verizon.net

1981

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JUDITH EASTERLY Lockridge owns and operates a private outpatient physical therapy clinic in Lebanon VA. She has been married to Richard Lockridge for 26 years. They have two children, Lena who is a 2008 graduate of UVA, and is now attending UVA School of Law, and Richard who is a freshman at Davidson College. • **CARY GOODRICH Osborne** of Las Cruces NM graduated in August 2007 from University of Oklahoma with an MLIS. In August 2008 Cary accepted a position as assistant professor and political papers archivist at New Mexico State University.

1982

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alumnae@mbc.edu
LUCY CARTER FULTON Smith of Naperville IL is studying for a master's of public administration at Northern Illinois University and working for the village of Western Springs IL.

1983

Send your class notes to:
Tance Anderson Laughon
jubileep@aol.com
Georgianne Miller Mitchell
georgianne_mitchell@yahoo.com

1984

Send your class notes to:
Robin Newcomb Lermo
relermo@earthlink.net
Greetings classmates! Please continue to share your class notes by sending any updates to me at the address above. • **CHRIS CAMPBELL** and husband Jeff moved to Westerville OH for his job. Her daughter Elizabeth (19) joined the Coast Guard and is stationed in Yankee Town FL. Her son Michael (16) is a high school sophomore and Sarah (7) is a second grader. They are all well and enjoying their new community. • **CATHY HARRELL Pennington** and her husband Howard continue to enjoy life in Atlanta and stay busy keeping up with their daughter Mary Slade (9). Cathy works for a division of H.J. Heinz and markets upscale appetizers and desserts. • **MARY KATHRYN HOCKMAN Robinson** writes that she is still living in Winchester VA with husband Joe and son Harrison (11). She is currently working in marketing and customer service for Valley Health, the area's largest employer. She is continuing her education by pursuing a master's degree in public administration and volunteers for the Apple Blossom Festival. • **ROBIN NEWCOMB Lermo** lives in Springfield VA with husband, Erick, and children Leslie (9) and Peter (7). She continues to volunteer at church and in her children's school, sports, and scouts groups.

1987

Send your class notes to:
MacKay Morris Boyer
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LISA YATTEAU Ritchie attended MBC from 1983-85, graduated from a registered nursing program *summa cum laude*, and just started an MBA program in Health Care Administration at Eastern University. She lives in the Philadelphia PA area, and is also on Facebook for those who wish to reconnect.

1988

Send your class notes to:
Denise Dorsey Mittlehner
denise.mittlehner@loudoun.k12.va.us

1989

Send your class notes to:
Sharon Jackson Smith
madamd@earthlink.net
RENE JEANNE KOCH LaRose writes, "I have recently completed a master's degree in health care business management with honors and my marriage to Ken was rededicated after 15 years. Our son, Matt, was married last year and lives close by so he can see his sisters (Katherine and Karolyn). We continue to live in Omaha NE and enjoy being near family and longtime friends."

1990 REUNION '10

Send your class notes to:
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MARY-DOUGLAS ERIKSON of Richmond VA married Lance Epstein in August 2008. She moved to the West End/Short Pump area of Richmond in July 2008.

1992

Send your class notes to:
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heatherljackson@comcast.net
Katherine Brown
kebrown2020@yahoo.com

1993

Send your class notes to:
Rebekah "Bekah" Conn Foster
foster@carnegiehallwv.com
Congratulations to **BRITTANY HALL Gill** and Matt on the birth of twin sons Gray Matthew and Baylor Hall, born April 24, 2009. They join big brothers Grant and Landon. • **CRYSTA MARIE STEPHENSON** writes "If any of you are passing through Highland County, please stop for a visit at the Highland County Museum. I've been here for five years now, and most days that's where you will find me."

1994

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alumnae@mbc.edu
LEAH M. GARCIA of Oviedo FL married Greg Schroeder April 5, 2008 • **DUSTIN LINCOLN WELLS** of San Francisco CA reports that his story "Gettin' My Got" is the featured story in the literary magazine *Fourteen Hills*. The story is also the first chapter in his novel-in-progress, *Cathedral*.

1995 REUNION '10

Send your class notes to:
Jennifer Markel Gardner
familyofgardeners@yahoo.com
June 13, 2009 **DONNA ELLEN BAL-LARD** graduated from Drexel University, Philadelphia PA with a master's degree in library and information sciences. She is seeking a librarian position in an archive, special collection library, museum, or academic library. "If anyone knows of any — especially if it is near Tucson, Phoenix, or anywhere in AZ or NM — I would love to hear from you. Thank you to Dr. Keller, Dr. Brenda Bryant, and Dr. Susan Green for their recommendations and encouragement." • **ANNE SCOTT Carter** and husband David welcomed baby girl, Courtney Anne, on November 12, 2008. Courtney Anne, at 7lbs and 19 inches, joins big brother, Lee.

1996

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alumnae@mbc.edu
CAMALA BEAM KITE of Mt Crawford VA is the new assistant principal at Broadway High School. She is also working on a doctorate in administrative leadership at Shenandoah University. She and Robbie have Bryden (3). She writes: "In April 2009, classmates **AMY GRIFFITH Berra**, **LISA TANSEY Jones**, **CHARITY LAM-BERT Baker**, and **JENNIFER REYNOLDS Sams** and their children spent the weekend with us. We get together three or four times each year."

1997

Send your class notes to:
Jenna Smith
mbcyaya@yahoo.com
Annie McGinley
annmcginley@hotmail.com
REBECCA FIFIELD of New York City continues to work as collections manager for the Arts of Africa, Oceania, and the Americas at Metropolitan Museum of Art. She tells us that she has traveled to Barcelona, Edinburgh, London, St. Tropez, Aix-en-Provence, Quebec, Leeuwarden, Rotterdam, and Paris for work in the past year. • **MEG GALPERIN Moss** of Sanford NC: "I transferred from MBC but have lots of fond memories of freshman and sophomore years and hold the Squirrels close to my heart! I went on to graduate from JMU, spent four years working for C-SPAN in Washington DC, then headed south to NC to spend a year volunteering for AmeriCorps. I met my husband that year and have been in NC ever since! I work full-time as director of a facility that assists adults with disabilities. We have three beautiful boys who were our foster children before we were able to officially adopt them this past year." • **HONOR JOHNSON McCain** of Huntington WV and Bryson became parents again, this time to a daughter. Could little Skye Virginia (born March 30) be part of the MBC Class of 2031? We can only hope! She joins brother Braden. • Speaking of babies, **ERIN KENNEDY Lewin** and Brad of Peace River Canada also have a new one! "Kendrick Scott joined Cassie (5) and Westley (3) in our hearts and

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home." • It's an exciting life for **ELIZABETH KIME-Krigas!** She, husband Steve, 2-year-old Ian, and 9-month-old Connor Blaine (new since the last update) have left Chicago IL for north-east Italy outside of Venice for a 3-year stint. "This will be my second time living there (first was in graduate school), but I'll have time to learn a whole new vocabulary now.

'Highchair' or 'Thomas the Tank Engine' in Italian, anyone?" • **JENNIFER LANTZ Bagwell** and husband Brent welcomed second daughter, Hannah Elizabeth, October 21, 2008. She and big sister Emma Catherine (3), along with mommy and daddy, live in Charleston (Mt. Pleasant) SC. Jennifer and other classmates are looking forward to a "girl's retreat" in the fall. • **MICHELE LASTOVICA Bronnenberg** of Richmond VA was recently promoted to director of intake at her agency, The Bair Foundation, a Christian therapeutic foster care agency in Henrico County. "My job is recruiting, training, and opening foster homes, as well as placing children in those homes. If anyone is interested in full-time fostering or weekend respite each month and you live in the Richmond area, let me know!" She and Mike recently celebrated their 10th anniversary and enjoy children Jamie (7) and Tori (2). • **ANGELA PRADO Austin** of Corpus Christi TX says, "I visited MBC in May 2009 with my husband and children. I hope my 4-year-old daughter feels the same magic of MBC that I did many years ago. I am happy to see that the college is now accredited by the Council on Social Work Education and can offer a BSW, which is so crucial to social work students these days!" • **AMANDA TALLEY** of New Orleans LA opened an art studio/gallery on Magazine Street. She is working on a line of lighting, wallpaper, and fabric that use her name and art as a basis.

1998

Send your class notes to: Jennifer Lloyd Marland jennifer.marland@navy.mil Please join our Facebook group, "Mary Baldwin Class of 1998." It is a great way to reconnect with classmates between reunions and post updates! • **ERIN GRUMBACH Loving** is working as an account manager at Musictoday in Crozet VA. She and husband Lenny welcomed their first child, Trey, on December 12, 2008. She writes "Being a mom is awesome and being able to post his pictures on Facebook for all of my MBC buddies to see has been great." • **KATHARINE HOGE Koelsch** and husband, Matt, of Northern Virginia are proud to announce the birth of their second son, Zachary James, on March 30, 2009. He was 8 lbs. 1 oz. and 21 inches. Zachary joins big brother, Walker (4). • **REBECCA L. MORRISON** will soon be published for a second time in the peer-reviewed *Journal of Official Statistics*. Her article, co-authored with two others, is entitled "Questionnaire Design Guidelines for Establishment

Surveys." • **CHARISSA STOUFFER Larson** gave birth to a daughter, Caledonia Jane, on June 18, 2008. • **CARRIE TIMMONS McCandlish** and Scott welcomed her third child Liam Walker on March 26, 2008. He joins older sisters Maia (5) and Corinne (3).

1999

Send your class notes to: Engle Baker Addington engleaddington@hotmail.com **ANDRIA PAINTER** of Suwanee GA is attending medical school at Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine's Georgia campus.

2000 REUNION '10

Send your class notes to: Blythe Slinkard Wells jandbwells@comcast.net **KABI KIARIE Warobi** of Bellflower CA and husband formed The Amali Tea Company and are happy to announce that the company "Coffee Bean" launched a limited edition of their high quality pure Mukengeria Kenya tea. • **AMY MITCHELL Howard** of Lynchburg VA, and husband, Matthew, welcomed their second child, daughter Elaina Marie, on March 17, 2009. Amy, Matt, and big brother Kaelin (2) could not be more excited! • **ERIN PERKINSON Pena** and husband Carlos moved to Virginia Beach VA with their beautiful children Julia Kathleen (8) and Ethan Roderick (1). • **LORRI WARD Beeney** has another baby boy; Nathaniel Lee. He was born March 16, 2008.

2001

Send your class notes to: Amberleigh Covell Powell chrisanda2001@yahoo.com What a wonderful year it has been for Mary Baldwin and the Class of 2001. We've all been so busy with getting married, having children, and continuing our education. Anyone who has not visited campus recently should take a trip to see the changes! Some of the wonderful things our classmates have been doing: • **CAROLINE BALLENGER Seale** and her husband, Joe, are patiently awaiting the arrival of baby number two. They welcomed a girl, Harriet Porcher Seale on July 31, 2007. They reside in Raleigh NC. • **OLABISI "BISI" BARUWA-Castro** and husband, Miguel, welcomed a beautiful baby boy, Jadon Ayobami on November 12, 2008. He was 6lbs 13oz. Bisi, Miguel, and baby Jadon live in Miami FL, where Bisi works as a developmental specialist at University of Miami. Bisi enjoyed a baby shower attended by many MBC alums. • **CHRIS BLEEKER** has relocated to the Seattle area and is enjoying her new life there. • **MARY BOIVIN Leacock** and her husband, Samora, moved back to Virginia Beach after living in Scotland for several years. They welcomed their first child, Sean Agustin, on June 12, 2009. He was 7lbs and 19.5 inches. Mary is employed by the US Army as a medic and is pursuing a nursing degree. • **PAIGE CARICO Bell**

reports that her husband has been promoted to corporal at the Tega Cay Police Department and that he's still acting as the K-9 Officer. She works at Rock Hill Family Practice and loves her job! Their daughter, Sterling, started pre-kindergarten and is a social butterfly. Their son, Garrett, is almost as tall as his sister. • **SHARRI CHEEKS Freeman** is excited to report that she's moving back to the U.S. after spending several years in Guam, where her husband, Charles was stationed with the U.S. Air Force. • **AMBERLEIGH COVELL Powell** writes, "We've had quite a long summer. Our son, Joseph (6) had his second surgery to remove another portion of a benign tumor of the brain that was affecting his speech, motor skills, and cognitive abilities. He spent 43 days at Medical College of Virginia, and eventually came home in early September. He's now back at school, in first grade, and going to outpatient physical, occupational and speech therapy. Our road to recovery has been long, but he's doing better than ever. We've learned that he has quite a personality and loves to sing and dance. His sister is enjoying having him home and likes to play Play-Doh with him. They recently returned from Walt Disney World after being spoiled by the Make-a-Wish Foundation and Give Kids the World." • **STARLING CRABTREE Nowell** and husband, Brad, recently returned from a trip to Disney World with their two daughters, 4 and 12 years old. She writes: "We're living in Nashville TN and continue to be blessed by our Lord." • **EMILY DUNSTAN** has relocated back to Richmond VA. She is a private financial advisor with BB&T assisting affluent clients and their families in Richmond's West End. She celebrated her 30th birthday with friends in Las Vegas and has also traveled to San Diego, New York City, and her favorite beach spot, Figure 8 Island. She can be found most Sundays on the James River with her Golden Retriever, Fallan. She hopes her MBC squirrels are having a fabulous 2009! • **ABIGAIL "ABBIE" FOLEY Hamilton** has been busy since graduating from Mary Baldwin. She graduated from medical school and married Michael. She is now an orthopedic intern with Partners Healthcare in Boston MA. She sees fellow alumna **RACHEL SHOAF** often. • **WENDY FOSCUE Armstrong** and husband, Britton, have moved back to the East Coast and now reside in Dover DE. Wendy commissioned into the Air Force after graduation, but separated from the military after having son, Asher, in July 2007. Wendy is greatly enjoying being a stay-at-home mom while Britton serves in the Air Force. They expect to be in Delaware for another three years and would love to have visitors. • **MARY FRIES** finished her master's degree in philosophy, cosmology, and consciousness at California Institute of Integral Studies in May. She now lives in her home state of New Hampshire and was invited to join the planning team for a new high school. Mary is the dean of mathematics, science, and technology at Windham High School and is working toward a certificate of advanced graduate study in mathematics education at Boston University. • **JACKY GRAMAZIO** completed her MSW at University of South Florida and moved to Richmond in January 2008. She is working as an adolescent substance abuse counselor. In October 2008, she welcomed her son, Luka Jacob Gramazio, into the world. • **BLAIRE HOWLE** married Todd Pitcher on March 21, 2009 at Northside Baptist Church in Mechanicsville, with a reception following at Main Street Station in Richmond VA. • We all still miss **JENNIFER HUSAK**, who passed away in May 2006. • **ERIN KELLY** married Joe Marsicano on October 28, 2006. **KERRIE LEIGHTON Bryant**, her roommate of four years, was a bridesmaid. Erin and Joe are living in Palmyra PA — right next to chocolate mecca, Hershey. She continues to work for the Pennsylvania Senate, which she has done since graduation. Erin reports that she enjoys her husband, the gym, making mosaics, and Facebook. • **MARY KENNEDY** married Stephen Patrick Sharpe June 21, 2008. They were married in Hampton VA at First Presbyterian Church with a reception at the James River Country Club in Newport News. They honeymooned for a week in St. Martin and now live in Richmond. She works at the Virginia Worker's Compensation Commission working for the Criminal Injuries Compensation Fund. Fellow alumnae in attendance at her wedding were: **ANN MARIE ABBOTT Massie**, **CAROLINE BALLENGER Seale**, **CASSANDRA MOSS Nott**, **JAE K. KWON**, **MADELYN MANSFIELD**, **JENNIFER BOYKIN ROSE**, **EMILY RICE**, **CASEY CROFTON Severinghaus**, **ERIN CONMY**, and **JENNIFER MCGEE**. • **KARLA MACKEY** has a Verizon Wireless store in Falls Church VA. She invites all MBC students/alumnae to stop by to get a new phone or upgrade an existing phone. • **JENNIFER MCGEE** wed Peter Magelnicki on July 4, 2009, in Charlottesville VA, where they reside. • **JENNIFER MOSCHETTI** is assistant branch manager at Henrico Federal Credit Union and lives in Richmond VA. She is working towards a master's degree in criminal justice through Boston University. She travels extensively in Costa Rica twice a year. • **KRISTIN MRAZIK Cole** reports "We moved to Wayne PA (outside Philadelphia) from Fort Lewis WA. I now have two beautiful children, Kaylee (2) and Tyler "TJ" (1). They are 14 months apart and they really keep me busy! I am a development coordinator for a small agency in PA. Jason is still in the Army. He's teaching ROTC at a college, so, luckily, we won't be seeing any deployments for a few years. We've seen enough lately! We're happy to be back on the East Coast, close to family and friends." • **CHRISTINA MURRAY** got engaged to longtime beau Howard. Christy is still in the Air Force and is working for the Base Realignment and Closing Program. • **JESSICA**

PASINI Elsass and husband, Jake, celebrated the arrival of their first son, Joseph Edward Luciano Elsass on January 19, 2009. He weighed 8lbs 12oz and was 21 inches. "We are so happy about his coming and look forward to sharing with all his MBC aunts!" • **IULEANA PETRE** is out of the Army after 7 years on active duty and is living in Kempner TX. She has been working as a reporter for the *Killeen Daily Herald* since April 2008, first as military reporter, then as education reporter, and, more recently, as features editor. She is working on her teaching certification and hopes to teach high school English or journalism. • **TANATHA KAY PURSLEY Amos** and husband, Jeremy, welcomed son Lincoln, in December 2008. He joins older brother, Branson (6). • **KELLY REESE Kaufman** is pleased to share that in October 2008 she was ordained as a Minister of the Word and Sacrament in the Presbyterian Church (USA). She serves River Road Presbyterian Church in Richmond VA as associate pastor for Christian education. • **MEGAN STAAB Rash** and husband, Jeffrey, welcomed second son, Aidan Gabriel, April 28, 2008. He weighed 7lbs 10oz and was 20.5 inches. He was welcomed home by big brother, Ian Jeffrey (2), who is quickly becoming his best bud! • **LESLIE ST. JOHN** has been working at the Presbyterian Church in Manning SC for 6 years as the youth pastor and loves it! She works with children ages 1 to 18 and is amazed to be part of their faith journey. In her spare time, she does local and international mission work. Her favorite mission is traveling every year to Haiti with a dental group from Charleston. Leslie says "my prayer is that God will continue to use me to share the love of Christ with others through my actions, my words and my life." • **LAURA TAYLOR Hart**, Matthew, and daughter, Lindsey, are in Winston-Salem NC. She writes, "The Lord guided us through a difficult summer of 2008, as we lost our son (Nathaniel) without warning in my last month of pregnancy. Our family and church family gathered around us and loved on us as we entered a busy summer (Matthew had three church youth camps/mission trips) while we were still reeling from our loss. But, God has given us such a sense of peace through it all and we're now settled into a new routine where I'm working at home part-time and our daughter started kindergarten this fall. We look forward to seeing what the future holds, and take each day as a gift." • **MELINDA "MINDY" TODD Armwine** married Christopher on October 4, 2008, in Pittsburgh and she and her husband are excited to come home to VA from CA! She's looking for elementary teaching jobs in Northern Virginia. • **SANDITUN** recently moved back to the United States after living in England for several years. While in England, she traveled extensively in Europe. She also earned a master's in art history and archaeology from the School of Oriental and African Studies at University of London. She is pursuing employment in the Washington DC area. • **KIRSTEN WELTON Shields** and husband, Josh, welcomed their first child, a daughter, Hailey Lyn, on February 14, 2009. She was 6lbs 3oz and 18 inches. • **AMANDA WILLIAMS** has worked as a public affairs specialist for the Smithsonian's Freer and Sackler Galleries since 2006. She is a recent member of the National Press Club and just completed a professional certificate in Museum Exhibition Planning and Design from Georgetown University. • **AMANDA WITH-**

EROW has relocated to Santa Monica CA and is working for Entravision Communications as vice president of interactive local sales.

2002

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 Scarlet ... I hope the year has been treating you well. There are a lot of news and updates to report. People have been busy this year. • **KATIE RUTH BALDWIN** of Holland PA finally married Joe Sheehy July 4, 2008, in Cape May NJ. She also graduated from West Chester University with a BS in business management and is vice president of operations for a financial company in Philadelphia • **AMANDA L. DAVIS Holloway** of Richmond VA writes "I had the privilege of participating in the Ajani ceremony in May 2008 during graduation exercises. I was able to bring my step-daughter Tahlia (9) and my daughter Ava Corinne (2) to visit campus — a first for them both! We had a wonderful time reminiscing and socializing with many alumnae and Rev. Scott. I hope to make this an annual tradition for myself and my daughters. After earning my MAT from MBC in 2006, I continued to teach special education in Richmond Public Schools. In 2008, I accepted a teaching position with the Department of Correctional Education teaching male offenders with developmental disabilities and severe behavioral disorders." • **MALISSA DEWINDT McClintock** married Andrew McClintock October 18, 2008, at College Church, Hampden-Sydney VA. • **JESSICA "JESSI" DUFF** writes that she and her partner, Joanne Harris, were joined in a civil union ceremony May 25, 2006. • **ANNA HENLEY** recently opened SPOT Prints, a promotional products business, with her mom. Check it out at www.spot-prints.com. Be sure to mention you are an MBC alum! • **LESLEY LOVETTE** married Sam Carney on March 15, 2008 at Lewis Ginter Botanical Gardens in Richmond VA. She writes, "We had a small wedding and **KRISTA HONIG Boggs** and **DELAINE PERRY Kaplan** attended. Sam is deployed to Afghanistan until July/August 2009 (but will return home briefly for the birth of our child) and I am holding down the fort here in Annapolis MD." • **BRYANNE MOORE** was married March 29, 2008, in Cocoa Beach FL; **ELLEN MATHEWS** was her maid of honor. Shortly after the wedding, Bryanne left for a tour in Baghdad, Iraq, as a staff sergeant in the U.S. Army. She has since returned and teaches high school in Arlington VA. • **AYESHA MUHAMMAD Hawkins** and husband Jason of Arlington TX announced the birth of their first child, a son, Dimitri Brice, November 21, 2008 • **DELAINE PERRY Kaplan** writes that she and Alex have moved to Austin TX for Alex's job. • **ELYSE ANN RICHARDSON Bamard** and husband Jesse welcomed a daughter Hallie Beatrice Bamard May 8, 2008. Elyse is a "domestic engineer" and absolutely loves it. Jess is officially out of the military and is employed at Target Distribution Center • **APRIL LYNNE ROBINSON-COSTON** was engaged to Derrell Williams of New Haven CT at Christmas 2008. • **JESSICA LEIGH SHAFER** married Jonathan Berry in May 2007 and resides in Charlottesville VA. She is a school psychologist in Albemarle County • **PAMELA DENICE SMITH** of Dallas TX married Deshaun Powell May 24, 2008. Pamela



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ClassColumns

is an executive assistant for Badmus Law Firm. She and Deshaun are the parents of son, Elijah Joseph Lee Powell, born October 9, 2007.

Pamela's daughter, Dajah Taylor, is 8 and she has 4 stepchildren, Brianna (12), Deshaun Jr. (10), Zenora (8) and Desiree Powell (7) • **JENNIFER WEST** is engaged to Matthew Shipe and they planned an October 3, 2009, wedding. • **KELLY WIMMER** writes that she still loves being a realtor despite the economic times, and has high hopes for improvement. Check out her Web site at <http://kelly-wimmer.infre.com>. Kelly took a family trip to Colorado and rented a condo owned by a Baldwin alum! She says that **KATY MEYER Hulse** welcomed son, Jacob Richard, in May 2009 • Keep the class notes coming in and don't forget to update your contact information. Hope everyone is already looking forward to Reunion 2012 ...Gold.

2003

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ELIZABETH HILL and Elliott Conklin were engaged December 20, 2008. After sending her on a scavenger hunt in DC, he proposed at the Washington National Monument. They live in Arlington VA and are planning a wedding in 2010. • **MEREDITH NORRIS** recently moved back to her hometown of Woodstock VA and purchased a home. She is employed with nTelos, and writes: "I miss my fellow squirrels." • **JENNIFER LYNN OLIVER Patterson** has moved to Huntsville AL to pursue a doctoral degree in food science and technology at Alabama A&M University • **KELLY ROBERTS**, Esq. loves her new job as a defense attorney with the Legal Aid Society of Eastern Virginia. • **LEATRANT** and husband John recently moved back to Norfolk VA, where she works as a counselor in Virginia Beach and is working on obtaining her license in professional counseling.

2004

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REBECCA ARLENE ROBBINS Fakhar and husband Shaheen of Herndon VA welcomed a son, Benjamin Shaheen, on December 2, 2008. He joins his big brother Shawn. • **JENIECE WILLIAMS** and Trina Lusk recently got engaged. The couple plans an August wedding. Jeniece earned an MAT in sociology from Baylor University, where she is also pursuing her PhD. She is employed as a research analyst at Baylor and as an instructor at both McLennan Community College and University of Mary Hardin-Baylor.

2005 REUNION '10

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On January 11, 2009, **STEPHANIE HATLEM** ran the 2009 Disney World marathon with classmates **VICKY TENBROECK**, **VERINICA STOKES vanMontfrans**, and **STEPHANIE LONG Le!** • **MEGAN ELIZABETH KADILAK Chambers** is proud to announce the birth of her daughter, Alexandra Diane, on August 22, 2008. • **CHRISTINE MARIE KELLAS Ryan** of Midlothian VA and husband Matthew announced the birth of their first child, son Isaac, born August 11, 2008 • **STEPHANIE NENICHKA Nicholas** of Forest VA reports: "2008 was a big year for me! My daughter, Rachel Autumn was born January 13, 2008. I moved into a new house and got a new job that I love! Can't wait for the Reunion in 2010 to catch up with everyone!" • **CHRISTIE ROBERTS Davis** and husband Dawud, live in Durham NC where she is a marketing coordinator for East Coast Metal Distributors and Dawud is a nursing student at Watts School of Nursing. • **ELIZABETH JEAN SOUTHARD** is living in Norwich England and studying for her PhD in early modern history at University of East Anglia • **PAMELA E. VINER** writes: "I teach 5th grade at Hugh K. Cassell Elementary in Augusta County VA and have just purchased my first house. My sister, **BETHANY VINER '07**, lives with me. I am also doing an administrative internship at a local long-term care facility. I enjoy home ownership!" • **PRE-AH WINTERS Hill** of Havelock NC was accepted to the Golden Key International Honor Society. She is among the top 15% of her graduating class at East Carolina University.

2006

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SARAH BENKENDORF is a kindergarten teacher at a charter school in Chicago IL • **ANN BRANDER Harrison** writes "My husband and I just bought our first home. A cute townhouse in beautiful Marshall VA. I'm also currently revving up my life-coaching business. If anyone is curious, the Web site is www.annharrisoncoaching.com. It still needs some work, but I love the process!" • **TANIA CHENG** writes: "I am working for Shell U.S., and am in the process of buying a new house and moving to another house in Katy TX. I have received a BA in English lit and a BSN in addition to my BS in biology and am working on a PhD in health-care management. I also received a promotion with the U.S. Army and am in the process of receiving a new rank. I'm currently a combat nurse in the Army Reserves. I traveled to Las

Vegas, the Bahamas, Asia, and Europe. I will be deployed starting July 1, 2009. I opened a coffee shop with my brother. I have been constantly busy and I love it. I hope all is well and hopefully I can make an event or two before our big Reunion [in 2011]. Take care." • **CARA MAGOLDA Tucker** will attend George Mason University School of Law in Arlington VA in fall 2009.

2007

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BRITTANY BLEDSOE Mackey is back in the States after spending a year in England with husband, Ben. She works in DC and enjoys her new black Labrador puppy, Cable! • Enjoying the Florida sunshine, **NICOLE BRENNER** is living in Tallahassee and working on her JD and MS in applied economics at Florida State University. • **McCALL CARTER** is in her third year of law school at Washington University in St. Louis MO where she is focusing on international law and is a member of the inaugural class of the university's Transnational Law Program. In the summer, McCall travelled to India to work on legal issues involved in human trafficking. • **MELISSA CONYERS Lloyd** is living in Fishersville VA and busy teaching first grade. • **AYE HTUT** worked for a year in DC in a research position and is now in graduate school in the demography and social analysis master's program, University of California, Irvine. • **MEGAN JONES** is enjoying teaching second grade in Virginia Beach VA and is working towards her master's in reading education. • Former SGA President and new Alumnae/i Board member **ALISON KAUFMANN** is an energy conservation specialist with Dominion Virginia Power. She uses her marketing communication degree in consumer education campaigns for the company's energy conservation initiatives. Alison purchased a townhouse in Richmond VA and is an active member in the Richmond community as a volunteer with the Richmond Chamber of Commerce. • **ASHAUNTI KINCHEN** is finishing her master's in criminal justice and certificate in homeland security in Richmond VA. • **STEPHANIE KING** is in Charleston SC working as an event planner and planning to go back to graduate school in fall 2009 to earn her master's in counseling education. • **JESSIE LABADIE** moved to Charlottesville VA and is pursuing a master's degree in French literature and language at University of Virginia. • Now living in New York, **AI MORITA** is working on her master's degree. • **JASMINE PADUA** lives and works in Japan with Borders Links as an assistant English language teacher at junior and elementary schools.

MARRIAGES

MARY-DOUGLAS ERIKSON '90 to Lance

Epstein, August 2008

LEAH M. GARCIA '94 to Greg Schroeder, April 5, 2008

MELINDA "MINDY" SUE TODD '01 to Christopher Armwine, October 4, 2008

KATIE RUTH BALDWIN '02 to Joe Sheehy, July 4, 2008

MALISSA DEWINDT '02 to Andrew C.M. McClintock, October 18, 2008

LESLEY LOVETTE '02 to Sam Carney, March 15, 2008

JESSICA LEIGH SHAFFER '02 to Jonathan Berry, May 2007

PAMELA DENISE SMITH '02 to Deshaun Powell, May 24, 2008

WENDY YOUNG BATES '04 to Andrew Bartley, January 17, 2009

ALEXA DENISE MARTIN '05 to Casey H. Clark, May 17, 2008

ERIN BAKER '07 to LtJG Conor Heely, USN, September 28, 2008

JESSICA E. JARRELL '08 and Buddy Snyder, November 15, 2008

ARRIVALS

BRITTANEY HALL Gill '93 and Matt: twin sons, Gray Matthew and Baylor Hall, April 24, 2009

ANNE SCOTT Carter '95 and David: a daughter, Courtney Anne, November 12, 2008

CHERYL WINESETT Kegley '96 and Fulton: a daughter, Madelyn Jane Kegley, May 3, 2009

HONOR JOHNSON McCain '97 and Bryson: a daughter, Skye Virginia, March 30, 2009

ERIN KENNEDY Lewin '97 and Brad: a son, Kendrick Scott, May 20, 2009

ELIZABETH KIME-Krigas '97 and Steve: a son, Connor Blaine, August 26, 2008

JENNIFER LANTZ Bagwell '97 and Brent: a daughter, Hannah Elizabeth, October 21, 2008

ERIN GRUMBACH Loving '98 and Lenny: a son, Trey Loving, December 12, 2008

KATHARINE HOGE Koelsch '98 and Matt: a son, Zachary James Koelsch, March 30, 2009

CHARISSA STOUFFER Larson '98: a daughter, Caledonia Jane Larson, June 18, 2008

CARRIE TIMMOMS McCandlish '98 and Scott: a son, Liam Walker McCandlish, March 26, 2008

AIMEE FAVREAU Dabney '99 and Carter: a son, Frederick "David", June 10, 2008

JENNIFER VERGNE Formagus '99 and Brian: a daughter, Emma Margaret, May 22, 2009

SARAH JOHNSTON Milston '00 and Amber: a daughter, Lily Jaymes, September 24, 2008

AMY MITCHELL Howard '00 and Matthew: a daughter, Elaina Marie, March 17, 2009

LORRI WARD Beeney '00: a son, Nathaniel Lee, March 16, 2008

TANATHA PURSLEY Amos '01 and Jeremy: a son, Lincoln, December 2008

KATY MEYER Hulse '02 and Rodney: a son, Jacob Richard, May 8, 2009

JESSICA PASINI Elsass '02 and Jake: a son, Joseph Edward Luciano Elsass, January 19, 2009

AYESHA MUHAMMED Hawkins '02 and Jason: a son, Dimitri Brice, November 21, 2008

ELYSE ANN RICHARDSON Bamard '02 and Jesse: a daughter, Hallie Beatrice Barnard, May 8, 2008

PAMELA DENISE SMITH Powell '02 and Deshaun: a son, Elijah Joseph Lee, October 9, 2007

REBECCA ARLENE ROBBINS Fakhar '04 and Shaheen: a son, Benjamin Shaheen, December 2, 2008

MEGAN ELIZABETH KADILAK Chambers '05: a daughter, Alexandra Diane August 22, 2008

CHRISTINE MARIE KELLAS Ryan '05 and Matthew: a son, Isaac Ryan, August 11, 2008

DEATHS

PHYLLIS SHUMATE Cupp '29, February 4, 2009

VIRGINIA WIGHT Lamb '34, April 18, 2009

MARTHA LOGAN Crissman '35, January 29, 2009

GERDA QUELCH Wootten '35, October 23, 2008

ELIZABETH "BETTY" VINCENT McMullen '36, September 2, 2008

HAZEL CRIST Key '38, March 4, 2009

DOROTHY BAUGHAN Moore '40, November 9, 2008

CORNELIA "NINA" SPROUL Wise '40, November 3, 2008
MARY KATHERINE MILES Whitaker '41, February 24, 2009
LUCY BRYAN Philpott '43, July 3, 2009
HENRIETTA "CHICK" MCMULLEN Dimmock '43, March 5, 2008
FRANCES DEMING Hamilton '44, January 3, 2009
SUE ANDERSON Van Ness '46, July 14, 2008
PATRICIA EUBANK Sledge '46, November 9, 2008
MARGARET GETTY Wilson '48, November 17, 2008
HARRIET MCLEAN Slaughter '48, December 19, 2008
NANCY LIGHTNER Pugh '47, February 23, 2009
VIVIENNE HUTCHENS Vail '49, November 19, 2008
MARJORIE "MARGY" RUNGE Kelso '49, January 19, 2009
ANNE FAW Bernard '50, January 28, 2009
ANNE SCHUCHARD Hebdon '51, October 17, 2008
ANN LOUISE SCHLOSSER '52, June 25, 2009
MARY VIRGINIA WRIGHT Bothoff '52, December 25, 2008
ANN FERGUSON Lamberton '53, November 2, 2008
BARBARA ALLEN Owen '54, December 30, 2008
JANE KENNEDY Lindley '54, June 5, 2007
ETTA "KATHRYN" BOWLBY Greeves '55, March 3, 2009
MARY HORNBERGER Mustoe '55, January 8, 2009
CARLA SUE RUCKER Nix '57, May 14, 2009
ILA JO DANIEL Tice '58, September 18, 2008
SUSAN BELL Cherry '68, December 29, 2008
SANDRA HOLLIMAN Botton, '69, August 14, 2008
KATHY "MISSY" MERRITT Smith '69, December 31, 2008
AMELIA ANN SMITH '73, February 9, 2009
J. LYNN DIZE-Downing '91, March 25, 2009
DEBRA D. DICKINSON '00, February 22, 2008
LARI MONIQUE SPINNER '00, November 8, 2008
JENNIFER HUSAK '01, May 22, 2006

OUR CONDOLENCES

*to the following alumnae/i
who lost loved ones*

EMILY C. TROXELL Pepper '62, **A. SHEARER TROXELL** Luck '63, and **ELIZABETH V. TROXELL** Jones '67 on the passing of their father, William S. Troxell, March 13, 2009

REBECCA "BECKY" CANNADAY Merchant on the passing of her mother, Elva Simms Cannaday, May 10, 2009

LEE JOHNSTON Foster '75 and **BETTY F. JOHNSTON** Miller '79 on the passing of their father, Lewis Johnston, Jr, March 20, 2009

MARY STUART COPELAND Alfano '84 and **MALLORY COPELAND** Kahler '88 on the passing of their father Stuart W. Copeland, March 1, 2009

MACKAY MORRIS Boyer '87 and family on the passing of her brother, Scott Theodore Morris, July 17, 2009

DEBBIE FEIGN Sukin '92 on the passing of her father Ralph Feign in August 2008

ANNA AUSTELL Staton '93 on the passing of her mother, Suzanne Cochrane Martin, June 13, 2009

KATHERINE HARDY TAYLOR '93 on the passing of her father, Clifton Linwood Taylor Jr, February 11, 2009

ERIN KELLY '01, on the passing of her father, February 2007

BRECKEN ELISABETH GEIMAN '07 on the passing of her grandmother, Frances Davis Geiman, June 20, 2009

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Pictured are, back row, left to right: **JUDY LIPES Garst** '63, **GINNY MOOMAW** Savage '69, Major Gifts Officer **JENNA SMITH** '97, and **ELLEN PORTER** Holtman '71. Front row, left to right: **LISA DRESSLER** Garst '88, **SARA "DALE" WHITE** Robey '62, **EMILY PAINE CARTER** '71, and hostess **ALICE PARSON** Paine '46.



Former trustee **CECILE MEARS** Turner '46 (middle), **BONNIE BRACKETT** Weaver '71 (left), and **LOLLY CATCHING** Anderson '71 (right) at Del Ray Beach in Florida, February 2009.



Left to right: **JULIA VANN** Kenan '54, **NAN CANDLER** Freed '57, Margo Grafton Rundles, and **MARGARET NEEL** Keller '55. This photograph was taken June 13, 2009, at the wedding reception for Martha Rundles, granddaughter of Martha and Thomas Grafton.



POKHEI KIM '65 stopped in at the Alumnae House during a recent visit to Staunton to meet with Jane Shields and her husband (pictured), who hosted Kim while she attended MBC.



Pictured are 2001 alumnae gathered in Charlottesville to celebrate the upcoming nuptials of **JENNIFER MCGEE** to Peter Magelnicki. Left to right: **NORAH FICK** Pence, **ANNE SCHAECH**, **CASEY CROFTON** Severinghaus, **JENNIFER MCGEE**, **BLAIRE HOWLE PITCHER** and **CARY CALL** Scharf.



JACQUELINE FROST '69, with her mother Frances Salter Frost.



MALISSA DEWINDT married Andrew C. M. McClintock October 18, 2008 at College Church, Hampden-Sydney VA.



A'LEIGH SPENSIERI Hamner '02, MALISSA DEWINDT McClintock '02, and AMY PURCELL '02 at Malissa's October 18, 2008, wedding to Andrew C. M. McClintock.



JESSICA E. JARRELL '08 and Buddy Snyder were married November 15, 2008. Alumnae in attendance were: (back row, left to right) **HEATHER HANSOHN '07, ALLYSON DuLAC '90, ALANNA BRAGG '09, COLENA ROBERTS '09, ANGELA VESS '09, LESLIE ALLIGOOD '08**; (front row, left to right) sister of the bride **JENNIFER JARRELL '11, MANDI ROSS '10**, the bride, **CHARLY GILLIAM '09**. Not pictured is **ALEXIS GRIER Reid '95**.



BLAIRE HOWLE '01 married Todd Pitcher on March 21, 2009 at Northside Baptist Church in Mechanicsville VA. In attendance was (back row) **LISA SUBERROC '01, JENNY RINACA Hudgins '02**, Crystal Colohan, **CASEY CROFTON Severinghaus '01**, Melissa Hoke, Adrienne Byrne, Christina Sitterson, (middle row) Julie Hershey, **JENNIFER McGEE '01, NORAH FICK Pence '01**, (front row) **ANNE SCHAECH '01**, Danielle Momtaz, the bride, and Kelly Kidd.



SUZI KLECK '80 and Brude Jordan were married April 25, 2009, in New Orleans. Back row, left to right: Class of 1980 alumnae **MISSY HAMLIN O'Neill, CATHERINE JOLLEY Kerr, CAROLINE LOWNDES, TRUDY CASKIE Porter, SUSAN MOOMAW Moring, CISSIE JOHNSON Cochrane, MISSY SMITH Derse, and MARGARET CHAPMAN Jackson**. Front row, left to right: the bride and **GIBBY SCHWING Crawford**.



The wedding of **CHRISTIE ROBERTS '05** to Dawud I. Davis. The wedding party included fellow alumnae, left to right, **VIRTRE STERLING '06**, the bride, **TIFFANI JEFFRIES '06**, and **SHUKITA WHITAKER '05**.



The wedding of **TAMARA SCARAMOZZI '02** to Robert Woodruff, October 12, 2008, in Rehoboth Beach DE. Alumnae in the picture are clockwise from the left: **CRYSTAL NEWCOMBE Nosal '00, JAMIE CROSS Feltre '00, COLLEEN LOWE '00, BLYTHE SLINKARD Wells '00, RENEE DEBORD Staton '00, SHERRI SHARPE '99, EMILY MAZZIO Kruczynski '00** and the bride and groom.



The 2008 Apple Day Happy Hour in Northern Virginia was a HUGE success! Alums from 1992 to 2007 gathered for the annual celebration.

FOCUS ON PHOTO QUALITY

We welcome photos to accompany your class update. To make sure they are printable, we ask you to follow a few guidelines:

■ Digital photos must be a minimum of 300 dpi (dots per inch) at 4x6 inches in JPEG format with minimal compression.

The best way to submit these is on a CD or via e-mail. Low resolution images from the internet (72 dpi) are not acceptable.



Elaina Marie Howard, born March 17, 2009, to **AMY MITCHELL Howard '00** and husband Matthew, of Lynchburg VA.



Sean Agustin Leacock, son of **MARY BOIVIN Leacock '01** and Samora.



AYESHA MUHAMMAD Hawkins '02, and husband Jason are proud to announce the birth of their son Dimitri Brice Hawkins, born November 21, 2008.



ANNE SCOTT Carter '95 gave birth to a daughter, Courtney Anne, on November 12, 2008, in Richmond VA. She is doing great and "big brother Lee" has adjusted well too!



The children of **COURTNEY MARTIN Jackson '00** and **EMILY MANN Hagen '00** play at the park in Mechanicsville VA. Pictured are: Madeline Jackson, Will Jackson, Theo Hagen, and Ellie Hagen.



Hannah Colyer Jancristoforo (2) and Carter Matthew Jancristoforo — born August 4, 2009. Hannah and Carter are the children of **EMILY ALLEN Jancristoforo '02**.



At the Sweet Life Cafe in Fairfax VA, some alums got together for a Christmas Cheer dinner and tea party. Pictured are **ELLESSE FERREOL '05**, **MARIA KWON '05**, **LIZ HACKETT '03**, **KARI FRENZ '06**, **CAMI ROA '07**, and **KELLY KNOX '06**.



JUNE EARLY Fraim '65, **EMY MARTIN Halpert '65** and **JUDY ROY Hoffman '65** planning their 45th reunion while visiting Mt. Vernon in July.



Starling and Currie Nowell, at Disney World, daughters of **STERLING CRABTREE Nowell '01** and Brad.



KATY MEYER Hulse '02 (left) cradles newborn Jacob, while **SUZANNAH MEYER Zachos '97** introduces Anastasia (2) to MBC!

Alumnae/i in the News

An opinion piece by **Sherri Sharpe '99** about Virginia's lack of funding for the Virginia Women's Institute for Leadership — she was a member of the first class — was published in Virginia newspapers *The Roanoke Times*, *Martinsville Bulletin*, and *The News Leader*.

After starring as Snoopy in the Theater at Lime Kiln's production of *You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown*, MFA graduate **Robert Bowen Smith '08** was featured on <http://broadwayworld.com> as director of the Lexington, Virginia, theater's *Good Ol' Girls* musical.

News about **Kim Stanley's** selection as vice president for operations of the third-largest cable company in the U.S., Cox Communications, traveled nationwide in business journals and Web sites via a PR Newswire release.

Davyne Verstandig '66 was featured in the University of Connecticut *Advance*, a weekly publication of the university's communication office, for her skill in drawing well-known authors, such as Frank McCourt, to the school.



What's It Like

... to be a state park ranger?

"You mean there are jobs where I can actually get paid to play in the woods?"

That was the initial reaction of Beth Hawse '98 when she learned that, as a park ranger, she could be employed doing what she loves — research, teaching, and training in the great outdoors. More than a decade later, she still revels in that feeling.

"I took as many classes as I could with Dr. [Eric] Jones [associate professor of biology], and I remember thinking that he was having the best time, not just teaching us, but taking us out into the field and sharing anecdotes that made the science breathe," said Hawse. "I thought, 'He has the best job!' Now I have one, too."

Hawse began working as a seasonal interpreter — if you can call it work, since she clearly has so much fun — at Douthat State Park in Millboro, Virginia, shortly after graduation. In her first year, she expanded children's programs and started environmental outreach to several local schools, and she was soon named chief ranger of interpretation and environmental education at Douthat. In 2008, she was recognized as one of the top rangers in the nation, earning a Silver Medal Ranger of the Year award for her efforts to develop environmental programs that enrich the Virginia Standards of Learning and leading the park's seasonal interpretive workshop committee.

"I felt kind of like a local celebrity. After the news was in the media, people would come up to congratulate me in the grocery store. It meant a lot to me that the award was given based on votes from visitors to the park and the general

public. It means that I made an impression on them," she said.

Hawse's work generated compliments from peers in her field, too, such as one submitted online by a local environmental educator during the award voting process: "She has provided quality environmental education ... and has shown herself to be a dedicated ranger with the best interest of open space, particularly Douthat State Park, at the heart of her efforts."

One of the ways she has maintained a connection with MBC is by enrolling in several Environment-Based Learning courses through the graduate teacher education program. In summer 2009, Hawse dove into the curriculum of the college's Trout in the Classroom and general Environment-Based Learning classes, and she continues to contemplate getting involved in MBC's new Master of Education program.

Hawse grew up in Allegheny County, which Douthat State Park links with neighboring Bath County through its 4,500 acres. She uses the knowledge she collected as a Mary Baldwin biology major "nearly every day on the job," to identify plants and animals and maintain their habitat. And although she isn't fluent in French or Spanish, she does truly consider herself an interpreter.

"We are charged with interpreting natural, historical, and cultural resources for guests and students. It's more than 'That's a hickory tree,' and, for many people, it is similar to learning a new language," Hawse said.

It's a job that goes beyond her satisfaction. Referencing Richard Louv's change-inspir-



PHOTO SUBMITTED BY BETH HAWSE '98

ing book, *Last Child in the Woods: Saving Our Children from Nature-Deficit Disorder*, Hawse talked about her desire to educate as her way of giving children the opportunity to connect with nature.

"Connecting with the nature — its dirt, its trees, its wildlife — is as important as connecting with the world. I love doing my part to get kids, and adults, outside," she said.



... to design and sell your own line of greeting cards?

There are times when there is no way around life's messy moments. Elizabeth Hofheinz '88 had her share in the late 1990s, when the deaths of two people close to her and her mother's battle with breast cancer sent her reeling. Seeking solace — and, no doubt, drawing on her MBC psychology studies — she started journaling.

"There were many times when I felt like I was the one who really needed to be on the couch," said the Chestnut Hill, Pennsylvania, resident who was a practicing psychotherapist for 10 years.

It wasn't long before phrases were popping out from the scrawls of her journal. She was beginning to distill grief and humor, one of her coping mechanisms, into pithy lines. Lines like those you might find in sympathy and greeting cards. But

hers were more meaningful, because they were personal. It took several years to get her company, Misery Loves Comedy, up and running, but Hofheinz now sells her cards online. The company's tagline: "Neat cards for messy moments," was created by her husband.

"One of my early cards said 'Grief is such a personal journey, so I won't tell you I know how you feel. But I'm here if you want to tell me.' It reflected the phrase I had heard from many well-meaning people, but in my own way," said Hofheinz, who now advertises nearly 50 original cards on her Web site, www.miserylovescomedy.com.

Hofheinz earned degrees at Temple University and Tulane University after Mary Baldwin. She

always felt that writing and humor came naturally, but she knew she needed to get up to speed with graphic design to launch her line of greeting cards. Hofheinz taught herself to use Adobe Photoshop to bring her phrases to life, and later hooked up with a graphic designer to offer feedback along the way.

"I have pages and pages of new ideas waiting to make it to the design board," Hofheinz said. Although her initial cards gently helped her work through her own grief, most of her ideas these days fall into a category she describes as, "Ah, Life." They range from the irreverent "Family, they're why we drink." Inside: "Cheers!" to more sentimental turns, such as "Sometimes my feelings are like nice, polite ladies who hold it all in and go to tea. And sometimes they want to get out and fly." Inside: "How ya feelin'?"

Being a small business owner in the arena of Hallmark and American Greetings is challenging: Hofheinz is still seeking a major buyer for her cards and is always hunting for retailers to carry her creations.

"Mary Baldwin continues to be part of my story," said Hofheinz. "It was the beginning of the journey I've taken from graduate student to therapist to writer and designer. It started at Baldwin."



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