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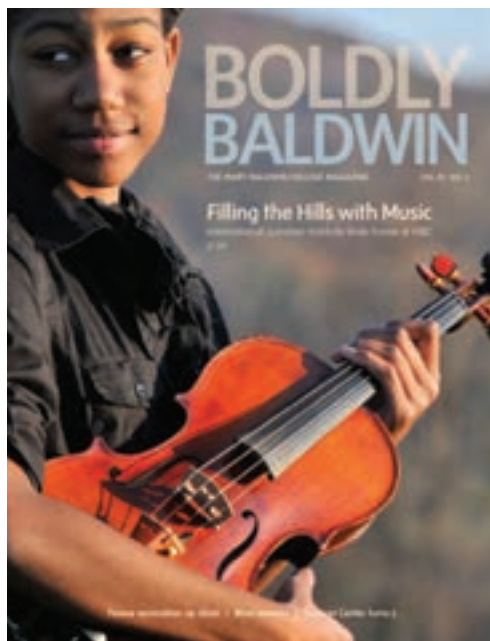
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Violinist Jessica Walker, a first-year student in the Program for the Exceptionally Gifted (PEG), with her instrument on Cannon Hill. Walker, a 14-year-old from Maryland, hopes to pursue a major in physics and minors in music performance, math, and creative writing. She represents MBC's thriving liberal arts environment and the ambitious interests that have characterized PEG students throughout the program's 25-year history. PHOTO BY SERA PETRAS

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## SOMETHING BORROWED, SOMETHING NEW

Did you pause to look a little longer at the cover of your magazine? The college's flagship publication debuted in 1987 as *The Mary Baldwin College Magazine* (in its current form — there were magazine-like publications prior to that time), and its title has remained largely unchanged for nearly 25 years. The title was clear. It was unmistakable. It worked. The most dramatic alteration happened in 1991, when the cover was redesigned to incorporate the word "College" in the header.

Unveiling a new title in this issue is genuinely a

bold decision, one that reflects Mary Baldwin's continuing innovation and reinvention for future success. The phrase "Boldly Baldwin" was introduced rather unintentionally by President Pamela Fox during her opening convocation address in 2008, and student leaders immediately embraced the words as a rallying call for campus spirit. Three years later, we not only vocalize the motto, we live it.

This will always be the Mary Baldwin College magazine. As a way of reflecting *what* we are as well as *who* we are, we give you *Boldly Baldwin*.



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## FROM THE **PRESIDENT'S DESK**

# NEW ENDEAVORS, PROGRAM MILESTONES REVEAL WISDOM

**F**all 2011 has been an exciting semester, full of auspicious beginnings and significant celebrations. We are about to complete Phase I of the Pearce Science Center renovation. We established a new affiliation with the Heifetz International Music Institute, which will bring young musicians of the highest caliber to our campus each summer. We commemorated the 25th anniversary of the Program for the Exceptionally Gifted and the 10th anniversary of our graduate programs in Shakespeare and Performance, giving us good reason to reflect on the signature programs that have propelled Mary Baldwin College forward through the years. And, in October, Trustees voted to pursue a new initiative that will usher in the next thriving chapter for our college.

True to our bold spirit, we are preparing to launch new graduate programs in the health sciences. We plan initially to offer three high-demand degrees: Doctor of Physical Therapy, Doctor of Occupational Therapy, and Master of Physician Assistant Studies.

An alumna close to the heart of the Mary Baldwin family has committed \$15 million — the largest single gift to the college — toward the development of our health sciences programs. The funding will support the programs as we build

enrollment and establish a reputation in the field. In the long term, the programs will not only support themselves, but also return significant resources to the college for reinvestment. The donor holds great enthusiasm for the health sciences initiative and for the future of our college.

The Trustees' decision to move forward was the culmination of many months of thorough and detailed research, careful analysis, and reasoned discussion. Our mission of nurturing confident, compassionate changemakers converged with trends in higher education and the job market to convince us that the promising areas for MBC's graduate program expansion are education and the health sciences. Our first-rate Graduate Teacher Education program is already flourishing, and we will continue to develop its potential to serve students and societal needs.

Health sciences programs offer new opportunities that are central to our mission and responsive to the market. In addition, they build upon Mary Baldwin College's long-standing commitment to the liberal arts and sciences and undergraduate research. The demand for qualified professionals is growing rapidly and there are more qualified applicants seeking such degrees than colleges and universities across the country can accommodate.

As the program matures, we will be

equipped to prepare excellent health care providers for our area, strengthening our historic commitment to being a college within our community. Already this fall, our exciting announcements have created renewed momentum for MBC, Staunton, and Augusta County.

Of course, we expect MBC alumnae/i and friends to have questions, and we will share additional details as decisions are made. I can say with confidence that our new graduate programs will be positioned to be competitive in the market both regionally and nationally. We expect students to enroll in our physical therapy and occupational therapy programs in 2014 and for physician assistant in 2015. Our plan calls for total enrollment of about 300 students by program maturity in 2019.

The new graduate programs will require dedicated space and sophisticated equipment. We are not able to house the health sciences on our historic campus, so we are evaluating several nearby locations and hope to announce a decision in February 2012.

We remain committed to our undergraduate Residential College for Women and the exceptional educational opportunities it provides. Daily life for our women on campus is vibrant and focused on the liberal arts and sciences as an ideal foundation for composing lives of purpose.

New initiatives and milestones alike demonstrate the core strengths we have retained since our founding: academic excellence, entrepreneurial spirit, and the education of the whole person. For 170 years this institution has had the wisdom to stay true to our mission and the courage and will to change as the world changes around us.

Dr. Pamela Fox



PHOTO BY SERA PETRAS

**TRUE TO OUR BOLD SPIRIT, WE ARE PREPARING TO LAUNCH NEW GRADUATE PROGRAMS IN THE HEALTH SCIENCES. WE PLAN TO INITIALLY OFFER THREE HIGH-DEMAND DEGREES: DOCTOR OF PHYSICAL THERAPY, DOCTOR OF OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY, AND MASTER OF PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT STUDIES.**

# MAKING AN ENTRANCE

## New Faculty Put Collaborative Research First

By Catharine O'Connell, vice president for academic affairs and dean of the college

Since fall 2010, Mary Baldwin College has welcomed 17 dynamic, tenure-track faculty members across the disciplines in MBC's many strong programs including the Residential College for Women, the Adult Degree Program, and the graduate program in Shakespeare and Performance. Whether teaching in the arts and humanities, the sciences, the social sciences, or pre-professional disciplines, each person was drawn by the energy and engagement of the MBC community. These accomplished scholars are eager to be part of the college's transformative educational environment, and they share the MBC commitment to students.

The School of Science welcomed the largest number of new colleagues — an appropriate emphasis in connection with the renovation of Pearce Science Center and our commitment to excellence in science education for the 21st century. Biology, chemistry, mathematics, physics, and psychology all added new faculty either in fall 2010 or fall 2011. Mentoring young women to become practicing scientists is a priority for these professors, and they serve as excellent role models. Assistant Professor of Biology Anne Allison, Assistant Professor of Chemistry Maria Craig, and Assistant Professor of Physics Nadine Gergel-Hackett have obtained external grant funding to conduct research in collaboration with undergraduate students.

In keeping with Mary Baldwin College's long-standing strength in the liberal arts, there were also many hires in

the School of Arts, Humanities, and Renaissance Studies. Appointments in English, history, religion, Renaissance studies, Spanish, and theatre include Katherine Low, the college's first new chaplain in 25 years, and Matt Davies, a former associate director and performer for Actors from the London Stage. This group of new faculty members brings to us scholarship and life experiences from northern California, Ohio, upstate New York, south Texas, and Wales.

The team of new faculty is rounded out by key additions in the School of Social Sciences, Business, and Global Studies and the School of Education, Health, and Social Work. Professionally focused programs at Mary Baldwin added instructors and garnered recognition. The Health Care Administration program continues to be one of the few fully certified small college programs in the country; the social work program is demonstrating mastery in its final year of candidacy for national accreditation; and the business program has fully embraced its sustainability emphasis, giving students invaluable resources to succeed beyond Mary Baldwin. The focus on sustainability was central to attracting Assistant Professor of Business Joseph Sprangel, who spent many years in industry — including machine design and manufacturing engineering — before entering a career in academia.

In the model of Mary Baldwin's current and former professors, our newest faculty members are deeply knowledgeable practitioners of their disciplines whose first and abiding commitment is to teaching.

» Read more about the lives and work of a few of our new professors at [www.mbc.edu/magazine](http://www.mbc.edu/magazine)

### ABIGAIL WIGHTMAN

Anthropology  
University of Oklahoma

**Theme song:** *Oklahoma Breakdown* by Mike Hosty, a musician in Norman, Oklahoma. It reminds me of my time in graduate school and my friends and family there.

### CHANDRA MASON

Psychology  
James Madison University

**First thing you owned with an MBC logo:**  
The ADP faculty handbook.

### MARY CLAY THOMAS

Social work  
University of Vermont

**Best lesson from a student:** Going to college is a privilege.



NOT PICTURED

### MATTHEW HUNSINGER

Psychology  
University of Massachusetts

**Best lesson from a student:** Sometimes, you just need to have class outside.

### ANNE ALLISON

Biology  
University of Virginia

**First thing you owned with an MBC logo:**  
My beloved green coffee mug.

### JOSEPH SPRANGEL

Business administration  
Lawrence Technological University

**When we say "professor," you say:** "What can I do to help?"  
The professor/student dynamic is interesting because it often extends beyond helping them understand the course material.

## JANNA SEGAL

Theatre  
University of California

### Greatest unfinished

**project:** My self. I keep working at it, but I assume it will remain unfinished, or if finished, it will be subject to change.

## KATHERINE LOW

Religion and college chaplain  
Texas Christian University

### Best lesson from a

**student:** I tend to pay more attention to the center of the classroom. Now, I work to focus on students sitting on the sides.

## NADINE GERGEL-HACKETT

Physics  
University of Virginia

### Favorite course to teach:

Anything starting with "PHYS."

## BRENCI PATIÑO

Spanish  
University of Illinois

**Theme song:** *El sol que tú eres* (*The Sun That You Are*). It is a beautiful traditional Mexican song about social justice.

## JENNA HOLT

Psychology  
James Madison University

**Life-changing moment:** When I was an undergrad, I had a different major than psychology, and I really wasn't enjoying my classes. During a visit home, my mother took me aside to ask me what I really wanted with my life and my career. Then and there I told her that I wanted to go into psychology, and I never looked back.



## MARIA CRAIG

Chemistry  
University of Wisconsin

### First thing you owned

**with an MBC logo:**

Baseball cap to wear to my sons' Little League games.

## JODIE MILLER

Mathematics  
Columbus State University

### Favorite course to teach:

Statistics. I enjoy the real-world applications and interesting lab activities so much that I even conduct training for AP statistics teachers in the summer.

## PAULA DAVIS-OLWELL

Health Care Administration  
Johns Hopkins University

### First thing you owned

**with an MBC logo:**

This shirt!

## SUSAN STEARNS

History  
University of Chicago

### Greatest unfinished

**project:**

I wrote a novel (actually, two of them) that I just need to find time to revise.

## KRISTEN EGAN

English  
Loyola University

### Favorite course to teach:

Literature and the Environment, which also happened to be my favorite course as an undergrad.

## MATT DAVIES

Shakespeare and Performance  
University of Texas

### Best course as a student:

Post-war British Political Drama.

## Pond Named New ADP Director

Lallon Pond's Mary Baldwin College career started in 1992 with a dual role as professor for undergraduate students and those in the college's Adult Degree Program (ADP). After 20 years of evolving positions in the expanding program, Pond was named associate dean of the college and ADP director for the 2011–12 academic year after the departure of Dean Nancy Krippel.



In addition to continuing with some student advising, Pond is involved in strategic planning for ADP, developing new initiatives and markets to ensure that the program meets overall enrollment targets and goals in each regional center. She hopes to leverage Mary Baldwin's professional-track academic programs, such as education and social work, and federal initiatives, such as Troops to Teachers, to appeal to adult students.

Krippel joined MBC in 2003 as dean of adult and graduate studies and associate professor of English, and her role grew to include the responsibilities of associate dean of the college in 2009. In summer 2011, she relocated to become provost at Brenau University in Gainesville, Georgia.

During her tenure, Krippel provided leadership for the ongoing development of ADP graduate programs, summer programs, as well as the college's corporate training initiative, LearnInc. She also carried overall responsibility for distance learning, program planning and assessment, budgeting, marketing, admissions, recruiting and evaluating faculty and staff, maintaining academic standards, and formulating policy.

Krippel's leadership guided MBC to expand ADP's regional presence in Virginia by opening centers at Southern Virginia Higher Education Center in South Boston, Rappahannock Community College in Glenss, and Thomas Nelson Community College in Williamsburg. In 2007, the college also signed an agreement guaranteeing admission and full transfer of credit between MBC and all Virginia community colleges.

Catharine O'Connell, vice president for academic affairs and dean of the college, leads planning and administration for graduate studies — the other element of Krippel's former position — at this time. The college also has launched a search for a dean of health sciences, to oversee new graduate programs in physical therapy, occupational therapy, and physician assistant studies.

## IN MEMORY

### MARGARET "PEGGY" PINKSTON

PROFESSOR EMERITA OF BIOCHEMISTRY

She was 57 when she began teaching at Mary Baldwin College in 1976, but Margaret "Peggy" Pinkston was as energetic and innovative as her younger colleagues in the science department. Although her tenure as a faculty member ended more than 20 years ago, Pinkston's contributions in the lab and gentle demeanor left an enduring impression, as shown by those who shared memories when they learned of her passing on September 27.

"When I came here in 1980 as a brand-new faculty member, it was Peggy who really took me under her wing," said Associate Professor of Biology Lundy Pentz. "She really kind of adopted everybody. She came across as just the most gracious, warm individual."

Before Pinkston entered academia she earned her diploma from The Julliard School of Music and played violin professionally for several years. Her musical career included a stint as concert master for a 13-piece, all-female string group that served with the USO in Germany near the end of World War II. After marrying James Pinkston and relocating to Lebanon — where he served as dean of the medical division of the American University of Beirut — she poured her energy and enthusiasm into raising their children.

The family moved back to the United States before the birth of their third child, and several years later, with two children in college and one in high school, Pinkston decided to pursue her own degree. More than just maintaining the B average she needed to secure free tuition, she graduated *magna cum laude* from Brooklyn College with a degree in chemistry.

"Although she had a degree from Julliard, I don't think she felt like she had a college degree," said her eldest daughter, J. Elizabeth "Betsy" Pinkston, a pediatrician in the Staunton area. "In a way, she was following in her family's footsteps," Betsy Pinkston said, explaining that her mother's father was a physicist and her sister earned a



MARGARET "PEGGY" PINKSTON, 1919–2011

PhD in anatomy and was a professor at Emory University.

Pinkston helped advance scientific study at MBC, receiving grants from the National Science Foundation for electrophoresis and chromatography equipment and publishing several scientific articles and a book about protein interactions. Pentz credits his former colleague with first experimenting with tissue culture at Mary Baldwin, work she undertook to help better understand a food allergy she thought she had inherited.

After retirement in 1989, Pinkston rekindled her interest in playing the violin. According to her daughter, it was not uncommon for her to practice for six hours a day. At age 70, she auditioned and was accepted to the Charlottesville & University Symphony Orchestra, where she continued to perform for 10 years.

Former student Joi Phelps Walker '82 shared her reflections via Facebook: "Dr. Pinkston opened my mind to the range of possibilities that a woman could pursue. Here she was, a PhD in biochemistry and an accomplished violinist as well. She was a powerful role model to young women just breaking into science in the late 1970s."

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### « BRUSH STROKES AND BIOLOGY:

Longtime MBC professors Lundy Pentz (biology) and Sara Nair James '69 (art history) formed an academic dream team at the Summer Teachers Institute in Technical Art History. The pair hopes to collaborate on an honors seminar that integrates what they learned about using scientific methods to investigate works of art.

### « SHAKEN, NOT STIRRED:

There was nothing like an earthquake (Virginia's largest in 100 years) and a hurricane (Irene caused an estimated \$7 billion in damage from North Carolina to New England) to welcome new and returning students during move-in and orientation 2011. The campus and community were spared from damage and injury.



« **GIRL ON THE RUN:** Sophomore Sophia Stone represented MBC at the NCAA championship cross country meet in November, clocking a 6K time of 21:39 to finish 31st out of 277 runners. During the season, Stone set several MBC records and she was the second athlete in MBC history to be honored with All-American status.

« **PEG IN PRAGUE:** Mary Baldwin's accomplishments in educating gifted girls were in the spotlight at the World Council for Gifted and Talented Children. Stephanie Ferguson, executive director of MBC's Early College programs, was part of a group of attendees that included educators, parents, and students from 57 countries.



## 25 faces of PEG

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## Alumnae, Students Tell Story of PEG

When she looks at pictures from their first year at Mary Baldwin College, Stephanie Ferguson finds it hard to believe that the 11 girls who comprised the inaugural class of the Program for the Exceptionally Gifted (PEG) in 1985 are now women in their 40s.

Twenty-six years after that first cohort enrolled, PEG still is the only full-time program in the country for gifted female students. Then, it was merely an idea. Today, it is an internationally acclaimed program drawing students from all 50 states as well as foreign countries.

As executive director of MBC's Early Residential College, Ferguson wanted a unique way to commemorate PEG's 25th anniversary. The *25 Faces of PEG* project emerged as a creative, meaningful way to tell (and share) the story of PEG through its greatest assets: its students.

"While reading submissions, I was struck by the common threads woven through many of the vignettes," Ferguson said. "Taking the risk of skipping all or part of high school resulted in finding intellectual peers, lifelong friends, and self-understanding. Accelerating the pace of education provided extra time to allow for exploration and experience. These are the threads I like to highlight as I speak with prospective PEGs and their families."

Now live online, the project includes students and alumnae who represent the program's broad spectrum — which includes geographic, ethnic, academic, and socioeconomic diversity. The internet launch is just the beginning. Ferguson would like as many testimonials as possible to compile a "virtual" history as an electronic book. She envisions printing the first-person history in the future.

### LISA ANTONIOTTI

Entered in 1988 at age 16

"PEG instilled in me a sense of lifelong learning and lifelong contribution. I plan to work with cardiac and cancer patients in stress-reduction methods. Tibetan Buddhism contains a large body of knowledge on end-of-life process. Therefore, I also am training to be a special kind of hospice worker to help people pass peacefully at end of life. I am not a scientist, a professor, or an executive. I am not a doctor, an author, or an artist. I am a learner, I am a leader, and I am definitely a PEG."

### NIA ZALMAMEA

Entered in 1994 at age 15

"It was a tremendous challenge socially to be away from my close friends and peers and finding myself among girls who seemed much more deserving and much more intelligent than me. Yet, I found myself in a peacefully challenging academic environment. I was stimulated, respected, and provided for. This saved me. I came to know myself in ways that I don't think would have happened otherwise."

### KENDRA CLARKE

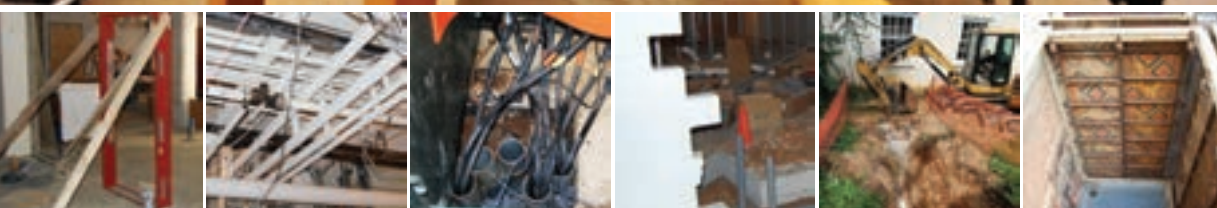
Entered in 2000 at age 14

"If there was one thing that the Program for the Exceptionally Gifted at Mary Baldwin College gave me, it was a sense of confidence and a resourcefulness that would repeatedly give me courage to make bold decisions. Whether it was a part in a school play, or if I wanted to graduate in three years, I usually got what I wanted and worked for."

### E. JUSTYNA BERNACKI

Entered in 2008 at age 15

"Even from the first moments, the PEG environment was notably different from any I had experienced. The people around me were actually interested in learning! They also didn't look at me like I had an alien crawling out of my ear when I used uncommon words. Instead of being asked to standardize my interests and make them fit into a box like I had been in high school, I was encouraged to follow them, and that is exactly what I did."



# A CLOSER LOOK

**JUST DAYS** after graduates crossed Page Terrace to *Pomp and Circumstance*, construction equipment moved in at Jesse Cleveland Pearce Science Center to begin the building's first major renovation in 40 years. At the start of fall semester, activity inside and outside the building was in full swing. Rooms 201 and 201a were completely redone, and a new water line, sewer line, acid neutralization system, and handicap entrance ramp had been installed. Phase I continues through spring 2012 and includes constructing the animal research suite — which will span most of the first floor.

PHOTOS BY BRENT DOUGLASS AND WOODS PIERCE





# FACELIFT FOR MBC ICONS

*An update on restoration work from  
Director of Facilities Management Brent Douglass*

This fall, members of MBC's Physical Plant staff rebuilt the pedestals at the entrance to the Administration Building on which our famed, four-legged statues of Ham and Jam reside. After the wood was replaced, copper roofing material was installed to permanently protect the top of the pedestals, and the canines — modeled after Mary Julia Baldwin's dog, Beauty — were carefully returned to their posts. A thick coating of deteriorated and cracked paint was carefully stripped and removed from the statues, and they were primed and repainted, revealing original details and contours of the dogs that have not been visible for many years.

A skyward-reaching ladder perched atop Lyda B. Hunt Dining Hall signaled the makeover of another MBC landmark, the cupola, which is visible to much of Staunton. Close inspection revealed that the paint on the cupola had become cracked and was peeling badly. It gleams brightly once again.



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### « RECORD-BREAKING BUSHELS:

Nearly 200 students, faculty, and staff gathered almost 10,000 pounds of apples — that's five tons, or the weight of an average-sized African elephant — to donate to food banks on Apple Day 2011. Side note: 480 pieces of apple pie were consumed on campus that day!

### « HIGHER LEARNING AND

**SERVING:** Just as colleges across the nation honored their high-achieving graduates "with distinction" during commencement ceremonies, Mary Baldwin College was recognized on The President's Higher Education Community Service Honor Roll — earning "with distinction" for the first time.

« **ODE TO OXFORD:** Mary Baldwin alumni who participated in the Virginia at Oxford program as students gathered this summer to mark 30 years of the enriching educational adventure.



« **HEAD OF THE CLASS:** Top-tier national rankings in magazines such as *U.S. News & World Report* and *Washington Monthly* in 2011 continue to highlight Mary Baldwin College's distinct academic and co-curricular strengths.

### « DEMOCRATIC DETERMINATION:

22-year-old Laura Kleiner, a 2011 graduate, earned the Democratic nomination to oppose an incumbent to represent Virginia's 20th District in the state House of Representatives. Kleiner garnered thousands of votes, but did not win the election.



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A snapshot of outcomes as the  
Spencer Center for Civic and Global  
Engagement enters its fifth year

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## « WHAT IS THIS?

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GRETCHEN LONG  
CREATED IT AT  
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*"It is impossible for a person of conscience  
who is aware of the realities of the poor  
and disenfranchised not to serve."*

Lady Appleby Bird '68, MBC Trustee and lifelong community activist  
whose service includes the Tennessee Governor's  
Books from Birth Foundation, the Nashville Food Project, the YWCA,  
the American Heart Association, and many more organizations

66%

Alumnae/i who reported **active volunteer roles**  
on a recent survey. Religious and educational  
organizations top the list of volunteer activities.

47%

Seniors in 2010 who reported that they **studied  
abroad** while at MBC.

72%

2010 graduates who **used resources or attended  
programs at the Spencer Center** as a student, a  
percentage that has risen steadily each year.

*ill no longer be blind to the injustices and atrocities that take  
e around the globe. Every single minute of it touched me in  
ys that you cannot imagine. I will certainly be going back."*

May Term 2011 participant who worked with residents in the village of Perquin, El Salvador, on community artwork

**community partner directory** with nearly  
100 local organizations and initiatives  
where MBC students can volunteer and  
gain invaluable experience

**new student exchange programs** with  
Lady Doak College (Madurai, India) and  
Sungshin Women's University (Seoul,  
South Korea)

**business for a sustainable future** major  
and minor

**green team** of student environmental  
activists to lead campus initiatives

**home to the International Beliefs and  
Values Institute**, a non-profit  
organization that examines the impact of  
human beliefs and values on society

**distinction status on The President's  
Higher Education Community Service  
Honor Roll:**

*"It is great to receive this  
recognition, not only because our  
culture of service and civic engagement  
reflects one of our most cherished core  
values, but because of recent efforts by  
students, faculty, and staff from across  
the college to take a more active role in  
advancing socially responsible initiatives  
in local, regional, and international  
settings."* Steve Grande, director of civic  
engagement

**AmeriCorps VISTA volunteer on staff**  
who works to alleviate food insecurity in  
our community

first student-initiated **Islam Awareness  
Week** held in 2011

**weekly International Cafés**, which  
encourage dialogue with guest speakers  
on current national and international  
topics

**leadership studies minor** with emphasis  
in **community** and **social change**

# 'MORE THAN PLAYING GAMES'

New minor, courses explore what it takes to coach and train athletes

## The NEW MINOR: Coaching and Exercise Leadership

Over the years, many students have come to Sharon Spalding, athletic director and professor of health and physical education, with ideas about creating an independent major. "What they are usually looking for is a coaching program," she says. Participation in a Virginia High School League conference about coaching preparation convinced Spalding to develop the minor while on a recent sabbatical, and she is confident that the program has the potential to **attract student athletes, prospective teachers, and business majors**. The minor builds on existing courses, such as Human Health and Disease and Nutrition for Health, Fitness, and Sport, and includes two new courses. Internships are an essential part of the program, and it involves working with a team — at MBC or with a local high school or league — or on-the-job training in another arena. In addition to coaching, the new minor is well-suited for students interested in personal training, athletic training, exercise science, and physical and occupational therapy, which connects with the college's planning for new graduate programs in the health sciences (see *President Fox's message on page 2*).

## The NEW COURSES: Principles of Coaching and Motor Learning

Coaching and training are as much about motivating people as they are about understanding the skills of the game or the mechanics of the human body. Two new courses included in the core requirements for a minor in coaching and exercise leadership cover the basics and beyond — from **building relationships within a team to building a workout and practice plan for an entire season** to motor skills rehabilitation. Creating a motor learning course was critical to building the minor, and will first be offered during May Term 2011, Spalding said. She also hopes to add a strength and conditioning course that will move MBC toward establishing a graduate program in athletic training.



### The future PERSONAL TRAINER: Jasmin Bailey '11

Bailey looked at other colleges' sports medicine programs to design an independent major in exercise science. Working closely with Spalding, she created a program of study that included courses in anatomy, physiology, exercise kinesiology, and motor learning. She also earned certification in CPR and first aid during May Term sessions. Bailey's senior thesis examined the Army's method of measuring Body Mass Index (BMI). She worked extensively in the Mabel Fetterman Held Fitness and Motor Performance Laboratory to compare ways of measuring BMI, finding evidence that the tape method used by the Army often overpredicts BMI, particularly in women. Bailey recently obtained certification as a personal trainer by the American College of Sports Medicine and has a long-term goal to work as a celebrity trainer and massage therapist.



### The high school VOLLEYBALL COACH: Sarah Hatfield Nichols '04

"Being a coach is so much more than playing games," Nichols says. A science teacher and the girls and boys varsity volleyball coach at Pilgrim School in Los Angeles, Nichols started trying out leadership roles as a cadet in the Virginia Women's Institute for Leadership and during two years as captain of the MBC volleyball squad. That type of experiential learning served her well after graduation, and Nichols sees the value of more formal instruction, as well: "You have to know how to mentor and inspire players to find themselves and do their best. The minor in coaching will help a lot of women to inspire the next generation of athletes."



# AT THE PODIUM

Mary Baldwin's lecture series will bring these notable artists and scholars to Staunton this spring:

## 1 International Café Dialogue:

**BERRA KABARUNGI**

*Forum: Noon, January 18,  
Spencer Center*

Kabarungi, former country director in Rwanda for Women for Women International, enrolled as a full-time student at MBC in January 2010. She will engage students, faculty, staff, and visitors in a conversation about the rise of women leaders in Rwanda following the genocide that scarred that nation in 1994.

## 2 Susan Paul Firestone Lecture in Contemporary Art:

**LAYLAH ALI**

*Campus visit: March 19–20, 2012*

*Public presentation: 7:30 p.m.*

*March 19, Francis Auditorium*

Buffalo, New York, native Laylah Ali is renowned for extremely detailed gouache paintings that stylistically reference hieroglyphics and American folk-art traditions. She achieves a high level of emotional tension in her work by juxtaposing brightly colored scenes with dark, often violent, subject matter that speaks of political resistance, social relationships, and betrayal. Ali has had solo exhibitions at the Museum of Modern Art, the Institute of Contemporary Art (Boston), and the Museum of Contemporary Art (Chicago), among other venues.

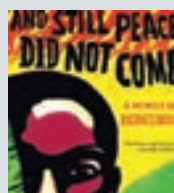
## 3 IBAVI Sustainable Vision and Values Honoree:

**CHARLES HOPKINS**

*Public lecture and award presentation:*

*5:30 p.m. March 21, Francis Auditorium*

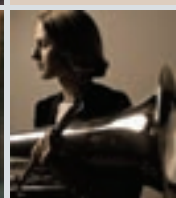
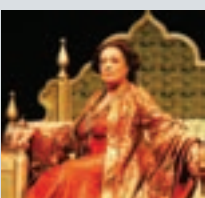
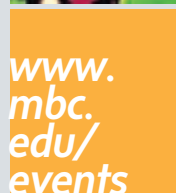
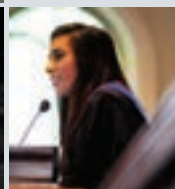
As UNESCO chair in Education for Sustainable Development at York University, Toronto, Hopkins coordinates an international network of institutions from 38 countries that works to embed sustainable development practices in K-12 education, higher education, and public policy. His visit is part of his recognition as the recipient of the 2011 Sustainable Visions and Values Award, bestowed annually by the International Beliefs and Values Institute (IBAVI) at MBC.



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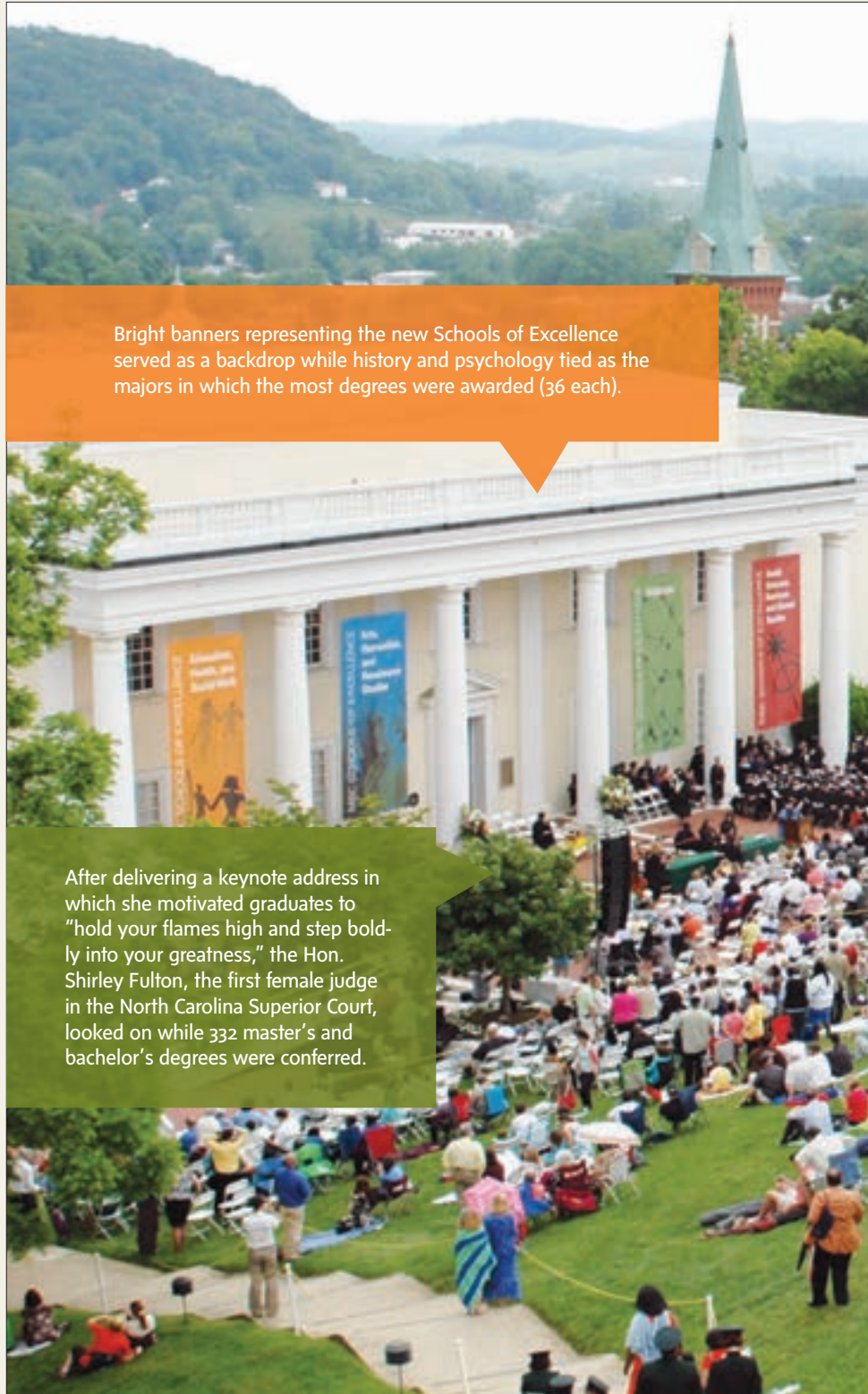
## FALL 2011 CAMPUS GUESTS

- ELIZABETH KIRKPATRICK DOENGES VISITING ARTIST/SCHOLAR: **Franchelle Stewart Dorn**, theatre professor at University of Texas and former resident actor with the Shakespeare Theatre Company of Washington DC
- HUNT GALLERY EXHIBIT: **Helen Frederick**, artist
- SUNDAY RECITAL PERFORMER: **Rachel Quagliariello**, soprano
- FOUNDERS DAY SPEAKER: **Giannina Garcés '02**, resident physician in anesthesiology and critical care medicine at Brigham and Women's Hospital
- HUNT GALLERY EXHIBIT: **Michael Pittari**, painter
- INTERNATIONAL CAFÉ DIALOGUE: **Agnes Kamara-Umunna**, Liberian radio-journalist and author of *And Still Peace Did Not Come*
- CARL BROMAN CONCERT: **Carol Jantsch**, tuba, and **Noreen Polera**, piano
- HUNT GALLERY EXHIBIT: **Nicole Andreoni**, artist
- SUNDAY RECITAL PERFORMER: **Afton String Quartet**



# CANDID COMMENCEMENT 2011

"It's absolutely important to have an education. We need all the knowledge we can get and are never too old to learn. I have a satisfaction in that," said Alice Colvin, reflecting on her graduation from MBC at age 80.



Bright banners representing the new Schools of Excellence served as a backdrop while history and psychology tied as the majors in which the most degrees were awarded (36 each).

After delivering a keynote address in which she motivated graduates to "hold your flames high and step boldly into your greatness," the Hon. Shirley Fulton, the first female judge in the North Carolina Superior Court, looked on while 332 master's and bachelor's degrees were conferred.



Five students graduated with self-designed majors: business administration/computer information systems, criminology, exercise science, psychology/sociology, and women's studies.

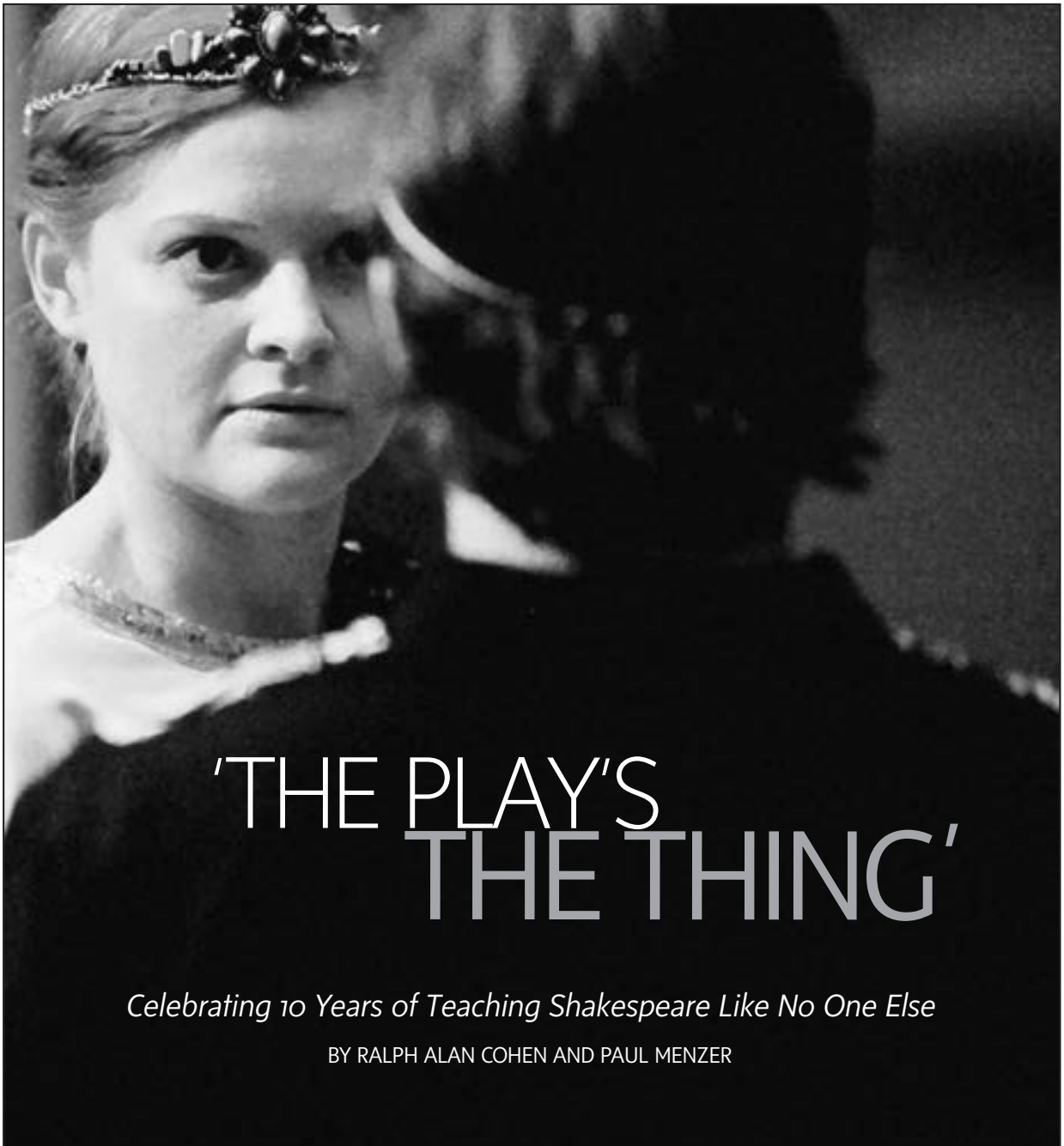
Seated at the front of the stage were a record-breaking number of students who earned graduate degrees. The 97 diplomas were distributed among Master of Arts in Teaching (52), Master of Education (14) and the Master of Letters (18), and Master of Fine Arts (13) in Shakespeare and Performance. Sixty-seven graduates earned Latin honors, a number that has remained consistent during the past decade.



Lee Cochran, legendary advocate for arts and culture in Staunton, was awarded one of the college's highest honors, the Algernon Sydney Sullivan Award, recognizing service, character, and spiritual qualities. Graduating senior Ada Sue Meyers also received the award.

# PLAYBILL

MARY BALDWIN COLLEGE



## 'THE PLAY'S THE THING'

*Celebrating 10 Years of Teaching Shakespeare Like No One Else*

BY RALPH ALAN COHEN AND PAUL MENZER

## PROLOGUE

A December 1988 production of *Richard III* in Fletcher Collins Theatre may have sown the seeds of a one-of-a-kind graduate program in Shakespeare and Performance.

*Richard III* was the first production of a touring Shakespeare company, Shenandoah Shakespeare Express (SSE), founded by Dr. Ralph Alan Cohen at James Madison University with Jim Warren, one of his former students. The show was the first that SSE had ever given at a college. Every year after that, a group of faculty members led by Dr. Marlena Hobson, associate professor of art, and Dr. Mary Hill Cole, professor of history, would bring SSE to the college, where the company played in Hunt Gallery or in Fletcher Collins Theatre, a black box performance space in Deming Fine Arts building.

## ACT I

*Staunton City Council chambers, 1998. Astute council members begin to plan building the world's only recreation of Shakespeare's indoor theater — the Blackfriars Playhouse — as a home for Shenandoah Shakespeare Express (now American Shakespeare Center).*

**Synopsis:** As one of the project leaders, Dr. Cohen immediately thinks of Mary Baldwin College and its remarkable support of SSE. After all, if Staunton is to be a Shakespeare destination, the project ought to have a higher education component. At the urging of MBC friends, he brings the idea for a Masters of Letters and Master of Fine Arts (MLitt/MFA) in Shakespeare to then-President Cynthia Haldenby Tyson. She likes the idea, to say the least, and both the Playhouse and the program open their doors in September 2001.

## ACT II

*Page Terrace, May 2004. Nancy Beall and Laura Dansby gently bow their heads to allow Dame Judi Dench to drape white and gold hoods with brown velvet over their Commencement robes, officially recognizing them as the first graduates of Mary Baldwin's MFA program in Shakespeare and Performance (known by a considerably longer name at the time).*

**Synopsis:** That first class of seven — pioneered a program that soon was selecting nearly 50 students annually from hundreds of applicants across America and abroad. In May 2004, President Pamela Fox marked her first Mary Baldwin Commencement ceremony by presenting the college's first Master of Fine Arts degrees to Beall and Dansby and an MLitt degree to Brian O'Connor. Cathy Brookshire also earned one of Mary Baldwin's first MFAs, although she was not present at the ceremony.

## ACT III

*Blackfriars Playhouse, 2011. MFA candidates Sarah Chang, Katie Crandol, Amanda Devlin-Knowlton, and Andrea Kelley take the stage as part of an unconventional production of The Taming of the Shrew, in which the four women share the role of the principal character, Kate.*

**Synopsis:** During a decade of unprecedented success, students have come to Staunton, to Mary Baldwin College, and to Shakespeare with hungry curiosity about the playwright and about performing his works. They leave MBC with that curiosity liberated. Graduates of the program dot the globe — acting, directing, educating, and all the while enlightening the world about The Bard and his contemporaries.

Dawn Tucker '09 is director of education and an actor at Southwest Shakespeare Company in Mesa, Arizona. Brett Sullivan Santry '11 is head of fine arts at Stuart Hall School in Staunton. Cassie Ash '08 is pursuing her PhD in English at the Shakespeare Institute in Stratford-upon-Avon. Jason Narvy '05 is assistant professor of theatre at Concordia University. And Rick Blunt '06 acts in professional troupes across the United States as a member of the American Shakespeare Center's touring company. There are dozens more like them.

"Happy Anniversary, indeed," says Paul Menzer, current program director.

## DRAMATIS PERSONAE

*in order of appearance*



**Ralph Alan Cohen,**  
Shakespeare and Performance co-founder,  
American Shakespeare Center executive  
director, professor of English



**Cynthia Haldenby Tyson,**  
president emerita and professor emerita  
of English



**Pamela Fox,**  
Mary Baldwin College president



**Paul Menzer,**  
Shakespeare and Performance director,  
associate professor of English



**James D. Lott,**  
dean emeritus and professor emeritus of  
English



**Theresa Southerington,**  
MBC alumna (Class of 1972), professor of  
theatre



**Lydia Petersson,**  
director of sponsored programs and  
undergraduate research



**Frank Southerington,**  
Shakespeare and Performance co-  
founder, professor emeritus of English

## FOUNDER'S/ DIRECTOR'S NOTES

**Dr. Cohen:** The success of a graduate program devoted to the idea that the study of Shakespeare should combine the skills of teachers, directors, actors, and scholars meant for me a new academic home just two blocks from the Blackfriars. It also brought the privilege of teaching with the remarkable people who had so long before seen the transformative magic of the plays in performance. For 10 years I have had the pleasure of working with graduate students from England, Germany, Australia, and right here in the States who took a chance on the program and whose work has attracted the admiration of Shakespeare scholars and practitioners around the world.

**Dr. Menzer:** With a decade of programmatic growth under our belts, we will unveil in 2012 a new MFA model that takes as its inspiration the same combination of scholarship and stagecraft that informed the program's inception. The new MFA seeks to explore the drama of the English Renaissance through an immersive, experiential, rigorous curriculum with the "Company" at its center. All students in the master's program will work together for a calendar year, programming, developing, and performing a season of four productions — a manifestation of our fierce commitment to collaboration. This new system will present students with challenges that combine pressure with support; it is in the space between pressure and support that the best learning happens.

## PRODUCTION NOTES

James D. Lott chaired the committee that designed the contours of the MLitt/MFA. Terry Southerington '72 guided it through the shoals of academic requirements. Lydia Petersson helped the program escape the undertow of a tight budget by applying for and securing a \$240,000 grant from the Jessie Ball duPont Fund and a \$1.5 million grant from the E. Rhodes and Leona B. Carpenter Foundation. The legendary Frank Southerington was named the program's first director, a post he held until his retirement in 2008. Paul Menzer currently serves as director.

*"The wisdom of Baldwin women is conveyed through our core commitments. You are Baldwin women now. You join the legacy of remarkable women who have graduated from this institution, many of whom have buildings on campus named in their honor: Mary Julia Baldwin, Anna Jarvis, Lyda Bunker Hunt, Martha Grafton, Agnes McClung, Bertie Deming, Leona Carpenter. Women who whisper their wisdom to you as you walk their hallowed halls. You join the global network of changemakers who are your Baldwin sisters now."*

— President Pamela Fox, speaking to new students at Opening Convocation 2011

# OUR WISE WOMEN

The truth is, when Lynn Gilliland '80 suggested Wisdom as the college-wide theme for 2011–12, she was thinking about a man. She found inspiration in the lines of the college's alma mater, *A Hymn for Mary Baldwin*, penned by MBC's kind, passionate Professor Emeritus of Music Gordon Page, who passed away in 2007. As an alumna and former longtime staff member, Gilliland has sung the hymn countless times during her 30-year relationship with the college, and has long since memorized its verses.

"I really like the line 'Knowledge first, then wisdom after,' because we must all learn to act with wisdom. Without that, all the knowledge in the world isn't any good," she said.

The story of Mary Baldwin College includes the wisdom of many women and men whose vision and decision-making created a college that to this day retains the liberal arts and education for women as its core.

#### MARGIE BIVANS '10:

Although I have been influenced (and continue to be influenced) by many women in my life, there is one who stands out: my great-grandmother, Margaret. Our afternoons together were spent learning the simple stitches of knitting, listening to stories of her travels across Europe and Asia, and reading poetry from an old leather-bound book, *The Golden Flute: An Anthology of Poetry for Young Children*. As a retired English teacher, proper grammar was of utmost importance to her, and reading poetry helped with that immensely.

#### NANCY ROWE CRAMER '64:

As graduates, our worth and wisdom are seen in who we have become as human beings, rather than in large incomes, big cars, or other high-dollar, show-and-tell items. Strong, wise women dominate my family tree as well. Wisdom and valuable life lessons were garnered from my beloved grandmother, who was crippled early in life by tuberculosis of the spine, but never complained, loved all of us equally, and believed in each person's potential.

#### AMANDA DAVIS-HOLLOWAY '02:

My grandmothers, although vastly different, imparted to me to put God and my children above all else. They instilled in me the belief that there is no such thing as deferring your dreams; you simply create new dreams and adjust to life's challenges as needed.

#### LYNN TUGGLE GILLILAND '80:

When I think about the wise women who have guided my life, the first person who comes to mind is my mother. There is great wisdom in making the best of life as it comes and one of her favorite expressions — now one of mine — is "Attitudes are contagious; is yours worth catching?"

#### BEVERLY WARE MARTIN '95:

Since finishing my degree at MBC, I have studied with a number of women (and a few men) on the wisdom — specifically about energy and healing — of the ancients, the earthkeepers and shamans. It isn't exactly the type of learning one would find in institutions of higher education, but it has provided me with profound learning opportunities and growth all the same.

#### MARTHA GATES MAWSON '78:

Maya Angelou has been an inspiration to me as long as I can remember. Her words spurred me to make changes in my life that have resulted in my being exactly where I want to be, doing exactly what I want to do, and sharing a life with my husband, who also happens to be my best friend. If I were to have the honor of meeting Angelou, I could do nothing more than shake her hand and say a very heartfelt, "Thank you."



Listen to alumnae/i share their stories about the wise women in their lives in a special video online at [www.mbc.edu/magazine](http://www.mbc.edu/magazine).



MARGIE BIVANS '10



LYNN TUGGLE GILLILAND '80



MARTHA GATES MAWSON '78



# BOLD MOVE

The Heifetz International Music Institute could have relocated anywhere in the world.  
**Its founder chose Mary Baldwin College.**

BY DAWN MEDLEY

## DANIEL HEIFETZ PLANS TO FILL THE CITY OF STAUNTON WITH MUSIC.

Already deep into an international search for a new place to host his intensive program for young classical musicians, Heifetz made his first trip to Mary Baldwin College in summer 2010 on a tip from a longtime friend who graduated from Staunton Military Academy. He remembers wondering — even on the drive from Maryland — how Staunton would stand out from other potential locations.

One day later, after meeting MBC President Pamela Fox, city officials, and area performing arts leaders, Heifetz was on his way back home when he called one of the leaders on his board of directors. "I told him 'I'm turning the car around,'" Heifetz said. "You need to meet me in Staunton. I think I found our place."

In September, Virginia Lieutenant Governor Bill Bolling stood on the steps of Mary Baldwin's historic Administration Building to announce that the Heifetz International Music Institute (HIMI) will relocate to Mary Baldwin College in summer 2012. The dynamic association draws on the area's vibrant arts community and promises to saturate the hillside campus — and concert venues in Staunton — with some of the world's premier classical music.

"It's not your run-of-the-mill economic development project, tourism project, or educational project. It's a combination of all of the above, and that makes it unique," said Bolling.

Seated just behind the podium, Daniel Heifetz and Pamela Fox shared a smile, both likely imagining the crisp notes of violins, violas, and cellos escaping from open campus windows.

## MUSIC AS A SECOND LANGUAGE

Chad Hoopes' countenance softens and he sways while his violin sings the slow, meditative opening notes of *Ave Maria*. The audience can almost feel the gentle vibration that produces the somber sound. A short pause, then the 19-year-old virtuoso launches into Henryk Wieniawski's *Caprice Op. 18 No. 4*, his eyebrows darting and his torso dipping as his fingers fly through scales and runs. The piece ends with a final staccato tap, an exclamation mark that elicits immediate applause.

Hoopes' performance at Mary Baldwin for the announcement ceremony demonstrates exactly what Daniel Heifetz envisioned when he founded the Heifetz Institute in 1996: Musicians can be, and should be, powerful communicators. The teenager could play the violin — could play it exceptionally well, in fact — before enrolling as a student in 2011. After the intensive six-week program, he also has charismatic stage presence. He is not simply pulling a bow across strings, he is telling a story. His story.

A violin prodigy himself, Heifetz spent his young adulthood playing concert halls and earning acclaim with top prizes at contests such as the International Tchaikovsky Competition and the Merriweather-Post Competition. A natural extrovert, he recognized

that the most important lessons for a musician were not about hitting every note and being technically perfect. They were about conveying a message.

"If your body is a stiff vessel, the violin becomes a piece of wood on your shoulder. You might be playing beautifully ... but it still can be boring," Heifetz said.

After years of performing professionally around the globe, he took a break to be with his wife and daughters in the Maryland countryside. It was the ideal time to develop his idea for a classical music training program that went beyond traditional instruction. Heifetz enrolled his first students in 1996. At first, the small program was held at Glenelg Country School near his home, and he was the primary teacher. Heifetz later moved the institute to St. John's College in Annapolis.

Heifetz's concept breaks down into five components — voice, public speaking, drama, movement, and freedom of expression. Each facet receives students' focus for one week.

"There are many other great programs and conservatories where one can study music, but I really don't know of another music school where you will find students not only playing legendary pieces with amazing skill, but also practicing yoga, dancing, working on public speaking, and learning to reveal the passion behind their music," said Chic Street Man, a blues guitarist who has led expression classes at the Heifetz Institute for nearly 10 years.

Man's sessions are the program's culminating activity, encouraging students to embrace self-expression, creativity, and spirit while they play.

"My job is to remind each of them why they picked up the instrument in the first place and fell in love with it. I would much rather listen to a good musician who feels the music, even if he or she misses a few notes," said Man, a trained psychologist whose background includes leading workshops and group therapy sessions.

Like many of the young musicians who attend Heifetz, 16-year-old violinist Brendon Elliot was not quite sure what to expect when classes started.

"The communication aspect has really helped me; I always wondered how to connect my music with the audience," said the Newport News, Virginia, resident during his fourth week at the Institute in 2011. "I'm working hard to apply what I'm learning and to reflect on everything."

In 2002, the program outgrew its space at St. John's and launched an advertising and recruitment effort in conjunction with a move to Brewster Academy in Wolfeboro, New Hampshire.

The experience of Arenos, Spain, native Andrea Casarruvios, is a good example of how the Heifetz Institute's reputation has grown nationally and internationally, creating a global network of classical musicians. She learned about the program from her cello instructor at

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LEFT & RIGHT, PHOTOS COURTESY OF HEIFETZ INSTITUTE, MIDDLE, PHOTO BY WOODS PIERCE

far left: Heifetz International Music Institute student Jacques Malan (left) performs in the cello during the 2011 summer session. middle: Virginia Lieutenant Governor Bill Bolling is interviewed by media representatives during the public announcement about the Heifetz Institute's move to Mary Baldwin College. right: Heifetz faculty member Phil Setzer, founding member of the world-renowned Emerson String Quartet, works with a student during the 2011 summer institute.

the Peabody Conservatory, who was also a member of the Heifetz faculty, and she is now working on her graduate degree in music at University of Southern California with another Heifetz instructor.

Casarruvios said the group of students and faculty becomes "like family. The teachers help us develop a sense of searching for what we can uniquely communicate. Every human being has different qualities to share."

Daniel Heifetz will never forget the day, while traveling in Jerusalem, that he opened his hotel door to find Itamar Zorman. The teen had a rifle — issued by the Israeli Army — over one shoulder and a violin over the other. Someone recognized Zorman's talent and pointed him in Heifetz's direction, probably thinking of it as one of few chances for the youth to get out of his undesirable situation.

"He was a gifted player, but he was so stiff," Heifetz recalled. "I knew that he was exactly the type of player who would benefit from the training at the Institute, and he came on a full scholarship." Heifetz cannot veil his genuine pride when he mentions that Zorman went on to attend The Julliard school and win honors at the International Tchaikovsky Competition, and that he has signed with international management.

"He will soon be a world-famous violinist," he said.

These are the kinds of transformations that define the Heifetz Institute.

## CULTURAL COUP

"They could have gone anywhere in the world," said MBC Director of Facilities Management Brent Douglass, "and they chose Mary Baldwin. I cannot overstate the impact of this opportunity."

If Augusta Female Seminary founder Rufus Bailey had looked into a crystal ball in the mid-19th century, he might have predicted the future partnership of his school and an internationally recognized music institute. We know, from Mary Watters' detailed early account of the college, *The History of Mary Baldwin College*, that Bailey felt that "the arts are not merely an accompaniment or an adornment for women, but rather a vital and necessary conveyor of purpose and emotion."

President Fox was quick to recognize how pairing with the Heifetz Institute would draw on Mary Baldwin College's historic mission and contribute to its vision for the future. Her background as a classically trained pianist and former dean of the School of Music at Miami University of Ohio add a personal layer to the relationship.

"It is a delight to know that when the Heifetz International Music Institute is here, as the cornerstone of our summer programs, there will be music everywhere — not only on this campus, resonating from the

## BRINGING CARNEGIE HALL TO THE VALLEY

The Heifetz International Music Institute's (HIMI) reputation for excellence attracts violin, viola, and cello instructors who have performed on the world's biggest stages. When they're not working with students at the Institute, they teach at New England Conservatory, The Julliard School, and Peabody Conservatory, among other noted institutions. Meet just a few of the renowned faculty who have taught and taken the stage with HIMI:

Born in Tel Aviv, Israel, violinist **Shmuel Ashkenasi** attended that city's musical conservatory and made his public debut at age 8. He earned the top prize in the Merriweather-Post Competition and second place in the International Tchaikovsky Competition in Moscow, later garnering worldwide acclaim as a member of the Vermeer Quartet.

Composer, viola soloist, and chamber musician **Paul Coletti** has performed throughout the world, making solo appearances at Sydney Opera House, Queen Elizabeth Hall, and Il Teatro Colón. A native of Scotland, he serves as head of chamber music and professor of viola at University of California, Los Angeles.

Chinese violinist **Wing Ho** is head of the viola department of the Central Conservatory of Music in Beijing and has been recognized with China's National

Teacher's Award and the New Century Ability Award. He serves as artistic director and conductor of the 18 Plus Ensemble, the Symphony Orchestra of Peking University, and the Beijing Viola Ensemble.

**Paul Katz's** career as a cellist is highlighted by 26 years with the Cleveland Quartet, during which he has made more than 2,500 appearances on four continents. A faculty member at the New England Conservatory, Katz has been featured on the *Today Show*, *The Grammy Awards*, and *CBS Sunday Morning*.

Violinist **Ani Kavafian** has performed with nearly all of America's leading orchestras, including the New York Philharmonic, the Philadelphia Orchestra, and the Cleveland Orchestra. Kavafian, a native of Turkey, has performed multiple times at the White House and is an artist-member of the

Chamber Music Society of Lincoln Center and a faculty member at State University of New York SUNY-Stony Brook and Yale University.

**Philip Setzer**, a founding member of the Grammy Award-winning Emerson String Quartet, also initiated the concert-theater collaboration that led to the creation of the groundbreaking *The Noise of Time*, which premiered at Lincoln Center. Setzer is artist-in-residence at SUNY Stony Brook and has conducted master classes at The Curtis Institute, London's Royal Academy of Music, and The San Francisco Conservatory.

Late actor **Patrick Swayze** and wife, **Lisa Nieme**, made a memorable guest appearance at the Institute in 1998, when they shared dance technique and expression through movement as part of the program's communication training.

dormitories, but all around the city in incredible, inspiring performances," she said.

It did not take long for Fox's enthusiasm to spread to city leaders and those involved in the local arts scene.

"I'm so excited I can barely sit down," said Judy Mosedale, executive director of the Staunton Performing Arts Center on East Beverley Street, where she hopes Heifetz and Mary Baldwin groups will hold concerts when renovations are finished in a few years. Mosedale heard Heifetz students play at the Russian Embassy, and she is confident that the program will bring arts aficionados and tourists to the Shenandoah Valley.

The significance of the arts was also central to Staunton Mayor Lacy King's remarks during the public announcement: "We are convinced that a rich cultural life for our residents and visitors contributes greatly to our quality of life here in the city," he said, "and that it helps make a special community that we are fortunate to call home."

The Blackfriars Playhouse will host weekly Heifetz concerts that feature the institute's accomplished faculty and guest celebrity musicians performing alongside student artists. In addition to regular concerts on campus, other downtown venues — including Mockingbird restaurant — will present more informal performances by Heifetz students.

Leadership and service through music are encouraged in Heifetz training. As he did in New Hampshire, Heifetz plans to coordinate with schools, assisted living homes, and other organizations to provide small, free concerts in the community.

While working out the logistics of housing and providing lesson spaces for Heifetz students, Douglass visited the 2011 institute in July. He sees innumerable benefits from the fact that talented, young musicians and professionals who travel the country and the world will know more about MBC and Staunton.

"The students will remember this as the place where some of their

significant, formative training took place. They will remember that and carry it with them," he added.

Students will stay in rooms in McClung, Hill top, King, and Memorial residence halls, and lessons will be held in faculty studios in Carpenter Academic Hall, Douglass explained. In addition, Wenger Hall will temporarily house Heifetz administrative offices and Hunt Dining Hall will be open for meals during the six-week period.

Introducing more summer activity on campus is just one of the reasons Lise Keifer, associate professor of music at Mary Baldwin, is eager to collaborate with Heifetz instructors and students. She has enjoyed growing enrollment during the past few years in the college's music program — which this fall welcomed its first international student major, a pianist from China.

"Their focus on instructing the whole person is a perfect match for our philosophy," Keifer said.

## SURROUNDED BY SOUND

Auditions for the program's 2012 season begin in January; hundreds of young musicians from around the world are expected to try out for one of the 62 available slots. In 2011, students came from 13 countries and throughout the United States. In June 2012, they will practice, perform, eat, sleep, and perfect their talent on our campus.

President Fox called on her own musical muse, Carl Phillip Emmanuel Bach, to express her anticipation of the program's energy and entertainment. "He has one of my favorite lines: you cannot move others unless you, too, are moved," she said. "I can assure you that you will not only be moved, but you will be transported, through the excellence of musical communication of the Heifetz International Music Festival at Mary Baldwin College."

*"...there will be music everywhere — not only on this campus, resonating from the dormitories, but all around the city in incredible, inspiring performances."*

— PRESIDENT PAMELA FOX



When 22-year-old Daniel Heifetz and his piano accompanist entered the social hall of Manhattan Detention Complex — also known as "The Tombs" — where riots had broken out weeks earlier, the inmates did not greet them with

applause or smiles.

Heifetz had been chosen by a foundation to perform in major U.S. cities, visiting noted prisons as well as concert halls, and this was the first stop on the tour.

"I started talking to try to release some of the tension, and I told them I was going to play soul music," Heifetz said. That got a positive reaction, but when Heifetz explained that he was going to play Jewish soul music, the mood stiffened once again. One of the prisoners defiantly shouted, "What do you know about soul music?"

"I told them that my mother was born in Germany and that her relatives were sent to the gas chambers under Hitler's regime. I explained that I believe music can transcend racial, social, economic differences, and that the music of one persecuted minority group can be related to by others in similar circumstances," Heifetz said.

When they finished playing, Heifetz noticed more than a few tears.

He realized that his genuine emotion, openness, and enthusiasm had connected with the audience. That dramatic performance shaped the creation of the Heifetz International Music Institute nearly 20 years later.

Heifetz's formal violin training started early.

"I saw a violin player on television when I was about 5 years old, and I begged and begged my parents until they brought one home for me," he said. "I seemed to have skipped the beginner stage and ended up being better at it than I should have been."

He has fond memories of evening entertainment in his childhood home that included Daniel on the violin, his older brother on the piano, and his younger brother playing the cello. His father served as page turner, and his mother and younger sister were an eager audience. He gave his first public performance with a concert symphony at age 11 in Beverley Hills, California.

Heifetz's parents did not push his talent, but they did nurture it — along with the many other interests of their outgoing middle son — and his love of playing and performing was hard to ignore. He enrolled at the Los Angeles Conservatory at age 12 and continued his studies with the legendary Efreim Zimbalist at the Curtis Institute of Music at age 16.

A professional debut with the National Symphony Orchestra at Lincoln Center marked the beginning of an exciting career that took Heifetz to perform on five continents.

## CAREER KUDOS

- Merriweather-Post competition and International Tchaikovsky Competition prize winner
- Featured in *The Art of the Unaccompanied Violin*, CBS
- Appearances on National Public Radio's *All Things Considered*
- Former professor of violin at the Peabody Conservatory of Music (Johns Hopkins University), Carnegie Mellon University, and University of Maryland College Park
- Performed *Brahms Violin Concerto* in the documentary *The Mind of Music*
- Solo and recital performances with the Philadelphia Orchestra, the Berlin Philharmonic Orchestra, and the Cleveland Orchestra, among others

# DOWNTOWN DIVIDENDS

In addition to significant cultural benefits, Staunton officials estimate that the Heifetz International Music Institute could add \$250,000 to the local economy during its first year at Mary Baldwin College. The city and surrounding areas could see an additional \$250,000 in indirect revenue by generating name recognition, sparking media coverage of the Institute, and enticing members of cultural groups to visit the city. Economic dividends will continue to grow as the program establishes itself.

## DIRECT IMPACT DURING 2012 SEASON INCLUDES:

- 1 Housing rental for faculty and staff: **\$100,000**
- 2 Transportation (students are treated to weekly area excursions): **\$25,000**
- 3 Office and related expenses for seasonal operations in Staunton: **\$25,000**
- 4 Lodging, food, retail sales, and other expenditures by those who visit the city for performances: **\$100,000**
- 5 10 seasonal positions for 10 weeks
- 6 Weekly "Celebrity Series" concerts will be held on the stage at the Blackfriars Playhouse, home to the American Shakespeare Center.
- 7 "We always imagined that the Staunton Performing Arts Center [now part of the Dixie Theater, which is undergoing renovation] would be a venue for classical music performances." Judy Mosedale, SPAC executive director



*"When we're in Staunton, we're renting homes, using the restaurants, using the hotels, and using the bed and breakfasts. We want to be part of this community."*

— Justin Reiter, HIMI executive director

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## ALUMNAE/I DIRECTOR BIDS FAREWELL



Greetings Mary Baldwin family,

I hope you and your families had a joyful holiday season filled with peace. During this season, especially, I give thanks for you. As a proud Mary Baldwin College alumna and in my role as executive director of Alumnae/i and Parent Relations for the past six and a half years, I have had the unique opportunity to meet so many of you as students, parents, or alumnae/i. I said from my first day on staff that I have the best position on campus, because it is my responsibility to interact with enthusiastic, accomplished, generous, giving, caring, and amazing women and men. In other words, you. Thank you for sharing yourself and your love for Mary Baldwin with me.

I cherish each one of you and want to officially share with you news about a dramatic change in my life. This fall, I left my "second home" at MBC to relocate to Roanoke, Virginia, to be closer to my parents. It is an exciting step for me, but I will miss this special place and its innovative people.

There are so many invigorating developments, events, and projects occurring at Mary Baldwin that will move the college forward and bring together alumnae/i, students, faculty, staff, and friends for a common goal. I encourage you to be not only a part of MBC's history, but also engaged as participants in its present and its future. I will forever hold this college close to my heart, along with Dr. Fox, President Emeritus Cynthia Tyson — who gracefully shepherded Mary Baldwin College while I was a student — and each of you.

I wish all the best for you in the new year.

With much thanks,  
Jennifer Brillhart Kibler '91



### A MESSAGE FROM DAVID ATCHLEY, VICE PRESIDENT OF INSTITUTIONAL ADVANCEMENT

Please join us in extending heartfelt appreciation to Jennifer and wishing her all the best as she moves forward into the next phase of her life. We are so appreciative of all that she contributes to the college, not the least of which is her wonderful spirit and kindness.

I am pleased to announce that Liz Jennings Shupe '70 has been appointed to provide leadership for the Office of Alumnae/i and Parent Relations. Liz, a former member of the Alumnae/i Association Board of Directors, joined the Mary Baldwin staff in 2011 as director of development and transitioned into her new role as director of Alumnae/i and Parent Relations in October. She is working closely with the Alumnae/i Board, Parents Council, and Reunion classes. Anne Holland, a 22-year veteran of our staff, continues in her role as director of alumnae/i events, providing direct coordination and support for events on and off campus. Angela Cline, office manager, also continues in her important role. We are grateful to Liz, Anne, and Angela for their commitment to providing a seamless transition.

## THE OFFICE OF ALUMNAE/I AND PARENT RELATIONS NEEDS YOU!

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We hope you enjoy reading Class Notes in this publication, but we realize many of you enjoy more frequent updates. Between issues, check MBC's online alumnae/i community, Baldwin Connect ([www.mbc.edu/baldwinconnect](http://www.mbc.edu/baldwinconnect)) to learn about fellow alums. Please remember to submit your notes to your class secretary (or to the Alumnae/i Office if no contact is listed for your class below) for inclusion in the next publication. If you would like to volunteer as class secretary (think how much fun it would be to talk to your classmates) please contact the Alumnae/i Office at 1-800-763-7359.

**FOCUS ON PHOTO QUALITY** *We welcome photos to accompany your class update. To make sure they are printable, we ask you to follow these 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.

## HOW TO SUBMIT UPDATES IF YOU DO NOT HAVE A CLASS SECRETARY

- <http://www.alumniconnections.com/olc/pub/MBC/homepage.cgi>
- [alumnae@mbc.edu](mailto:alumnae@mbc.edu)
- Mary Baldwin College, Office of Alumnae/i, Staunton, VA 24401

### 1926

Congratulations to **MARY ARTIS DANNER Dennis** for earning the 2011 Emily Wirsing Kelly Leadership Award. This award was presented to Mary Artis during the reunion 2011 weekend in April by the MBC Alumnae/i Board. This award was established in 1986 in memory of Emily Wirsing Kelly '63 and honors alumnae who have demonstrated outstanding service and excellence in leadership on behalf of MBC.

### 1940

**SARA FRANCES FERRELL Shay** writes, "I am still living in my own home. I wish there would be some news of my class in the alumnae/i news. How many of us are still around?"

### 1942

**ELISABETH WHITE Willard** writes, "I just turned 91 and life is still good. I enjoyed talking to the senior (MBC Phonathon caller) who called me and she wrote such a nice note."

### 1944

**JANE LEWIS Rodgers** moved to Flowers Mountain retirement facility and is enjoying her time there. She misses campus and hopes to return. **EVA VINES Eustler** writes, "I am legally blind and extremely deaf, but with the help of a loving husband I manage quite well. Recorded books are a source of great pleasure."

### 1946

**SABINE GOODMAN Andrews** has published a new book, *From Where I Stood: The Delivery of a Medical School*. **MARY GOODRICH Baskin** is enjoying life in San Antonio TX and would love to hear from her classmates. **VIRGINIA BRIDGERS Corrigan** is blessed with 4 precious great-grandchildren who all live close by, and "I even get to keep them at times."

### 1948

Congratulations to **HELINE CORTEZ Harrison** for earning the 2011 Emily Smith Medallion Award. This award was presented to Heline during the Reunion weekend 2011 in April by the MBC Alumnae/i Board. The award is named for Mrs. Herbert McKelden Smith of Staunton VA, herself a distinguished alumna. Each year the Emily Smith Medallion honors an alumna who has made outstanding contributions to her community, church, and the college. **MARY HIGGINS Buford** has 4 children, 8 grandchildren and 4 great-grandchildren.

### 1950

**MARY HORTON Waldron** married Billy Dale in December 2008.

### 1951

**CAROLEE WELLS Henney** is retired and recently began making jewelry. She is doing so well selling her work that she will be starting a website soon. **LILIAN BEDINGER Taylor** returned to campus in 2011 for her 60th class Reunion. Also attending from the Class of 1951 were **MARTY KLINE Chaplin** and husband Harvey, **JEAN KYLE Hedges**, and **NANCY KUNKLE Carey**.

### 1952

**JOYCE ACKER Ratliff** is glad to have classmate **MARY JANE GRAY Richardson** to spend time with in Birmingham. **PATRICIA MURPHEY Whitman** is reopening the PMW Gallery ([www.pmwgallery.com](http://www.pmwgallery.com)) in fall 2012. The gallery exhibits 2 outstanding artists, Marc Osborne of New Haven CT and Robert McBride of Bellos Falls VT. **MILDRED "MICKEY" HUDSON Costa** is ecstatically happy. She has been married for 60 years. Both of her sons are MDs and her daughter teaches school. She has 12 incredible grandchildren and 8 unbelievable great-grandchildren. She and her husband are devout Christians

and live very close to their 3 children. **MARCELLE MCCLINTOCK Brown** and husband Ed are the proud grandparents of 11, and great-grandparents of 3. After retiring from a newspaper career, Marcelle works as a hospice volunteer and a literacy teacher for adults.

### 1953

**HELEN HARROD Thompson** writes, "On April 7, 2011 I was inducted into the Oklahoma Women's Hall of Fame. The Hall of Fame is sponsored by the state of Oklahoma and the Oklahoma Commission on the Status of Women. Needless to say, I was very surprised and honored to be recognized in such a way. The induction was at the Oklahoma History Center in the Chesapeake Event Center. Here's kudos to my classmates. Keep up the news." **BARBARA LE MARE Loux** moved from Charleston to Columbia SC after 40 years to be closer to her daughter, son-in-law, and granddaughter. She would love to hear from classmates.

### 1957

Send your class notes to: Shannon Greene Mitchell [shangmitch@bellsouth.net](mailto:shangmitch@bellsouth.net) **ANN KENNEDY Melton** writes, "In March 2010 my dear husband, Julius, suffered a "medical mishap" that kept him 11 weeks in ICU, 2 weeks in rehab, etc. This took his vision and left him fragile, but he retains his sense of humor. His long-term memory is returning, short-term not quite so good. He enjoys people."

### 1958

**BARBARA ALLAN Hite** retired from teaching English at Tidewater Community College. She has more time for writing plays and has published a book, *Letters from Jane*, available at Amazon.

### 1959

**ELIZABETH WILLIAMS Hoover** has retired from her law practice and loves being a grandmother.

### 1960

Send your class notes to: Sally Squires Erickson [Sarassee12@aol.com](mailto:Sarassee12@aol.com) **SALLY ARMSTRONG Bingley, NANCY JACKSON Miller '65 and PEGGY SHELTON Fore '52** took an Elbe River cruise from Hamburg, Germany to Prague, Czech Republic in May 2011. They also visited Krakow and Warsaw in Poland. Traveling with them were Nancy's husband, Grayson, and Sally's husband, Chuck. "The trip was not planned together, but we all had a wonderful time connecting," Sally said. **ANN BALLARD Van Eman** has 2 daughters and 2 granddaughters. Daughter **ALLISON VAN EMAN Culver '86** and husband Thomas have 2 dogs. Allison works with The Lightfoot Way as a holistic care instructor and consultant for animals. Daughter Laura Van Eman Schulz and husband Morgen have 2 daughters, Olivia Lee (born 3/2/09) and Evelyn Tatum (born 5/7/11). Ann and husband Glenn, enjoyed an Alaskan cruise in 2008. In 2010 she and her entire family spent Christmas in San Antonio (before Evelyn's appearance in the world).

### 1961

**CYNTHIA "KAY" HUNDLEY Fisher** writes, "I volunteered in northwest Kenya last May with Habitat for Humanity. I urge anyone with lots of spirit, energy, and desire to be among the people in a true native community to do this at least once. Just pick a cool month, and bring bug spray. I am volunteering again outside of Baltimore in May on a humanitarian mission and in Havana in December. It's such a great opportunity to be a good representative for our country." **CAROL WORNOM Sorensen** writes, "A pleasant aura is around me since our 50th Reunion. What a joy it is to visit MBC. I am

## CLASSCOLUMNS

reading Dr. Menk's history and loving every word." Six members of the class of 1961 who started their careers in Hill Top Residence Hall in fall 1957 got together in Nashville TN for a mini-reunion May 11-12, 2011: **MARGO JOLLY Cook**, **LYNN TERRELL Gafford**, **JUDY MERRITT Gibbons**, **MARY SHARP Swayze**, **ESTHER DOUGHTIE French**, and **BETSY LASSITER Clark**.

### 1962 REUNION 2012

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**BURI SALINAS Gray** writes that she is very busy with the museum at University of Guadalajara which her husband, Peter, started. They began with 18 of their art pieces and now have 80 paintings and 15 sculptures donated by artists and collectors. She is also involved in the Scholarship Program for Vallarta students from junior high to university level, which enrolls 380 students. Sadly, Buri says she will not be returning for our 50th Reunion weekend. She sent wonderful photos of Doug and **BETSY DICKERSON Brown** and herself taken when Betsy and Doug visited recently. **VERA CARL THOMAS James** has new twin granddaughters. She and her husband have retired and live in rural PA. She says they stay involved in a potpourri of opportunities for interesting and fun things to learn and do at the Montrose Adult School. Her extended family spent a wonderful week in Ocean City MD. **KIT KAVANAUGH** says, "After 7 glorious years of retirement, I am back to work part-time as a technical consultant in a chemotherapy clinic. I really enjoy the work." Don't forget to put our 50th Reunion weekend (April 12-15, 2012) on your calendar. Go ahead and call the Stonewall Jackson Hotel to make your reservations and request the MBC

rate. Our class dinner will be Thursday, and our induction into the Grafton Society will be held Friday. Both events are at the Stonewall Jackson Hotel.

### 1963

Send your class notes to:

Sally Dupree Barnett  
sdbarn@otelco.net

137 Valley View Dr., Union Grove AL 35175 I hope lots of you are planning to attend our mini-reunion in October. **LYNN BUTTS Laidig** wishes that she could attend but writes, "As you know I am a fairly newlywed member of our class and Eldon and I are having fun traveling. In October we are going to Ireland for a tour. Neither one of us wants to drive on the left side of the road, so we are doing a bus tour. We just enjoyed a Rhine River cruise in September 2010. We live in Arvada CO, where Eldon has lived for more than 50 years, serving as the principal of several schools here. He is quite the gardener. We were on a garden tour for the Historical Society of Arvada this summer. The cat and I are the assistant gardeners." **CAROLYN HALDEMAN Hawkins** participated in Hampton Virginia's 400th anniversary on the Legacy committee. Their legacy is a 21-foot bronze sculpture using figures of Indian, European, and African cultures. She is also looking forward to seeing classmates in West Virginia this fall. **SALLY DUPREE Barnett** stays busy with grandsons, adult programs at the library, the Girl Scouts of North Alabama, and the Museum of Art. Her favorite event was driving her 1927 Marmon automobile around the track of the Indianapolis Speedway to celebrate the 100th anniversary of the Indianapolis 500. **PEGGY ENGLE Trumbo** stays busy with 4 grandchildren living in her neighborhood. She took a 2-week vacation to Alaska in May. **SHEARER TROXELL Luck** reports that

her family enjoyed a week on the Outer Banks. She and Jack had a wonderful tour by auto and train through Canada from Banff to Vancouver and Vancouver Island. She writes, "Way to go Class of '63. We had 49% participation and exceeded our goal in Annual Giving. Let's beat that this year."

### 1964

Send your class notes to:

Virginia "Ginny" Royster Francisco  
vfrancis@mbc.edu

**ANITA SAFFELS Lawson** and husband Hugh moved to Greensboro NC in 1997 when Anita became associate provost for undergraduate education at University of North Carolina at Greensboro. Now retired, she gardens, works with master gardeners, and travels. They have 2 children, Matt, an attorney in NY, and Laura, an attorney in Tampa and the mother of their grandchild. "Jacqueline is almost 3 and is (of course) brilliant, charming, and beautiful," Anita reports. **MARTHA MURCHISON Strickland** got together with her former roommates last spring in New Bern NC, where she lives. She and **NANCY NELSON Spencer** (Groton VT), **SENAH BUCHANAN Seagle** (Bristol TN), and **JANE HEYWOOD Boylin** (Huntington WV) enjoyed catching up with family news. Among the 4 they have more than 20 grandchildren. After 22 wonderful years in a cottage by the sea in Bass Harbor ME, **NICOLS "NIKI" FOX** moved to Renick WV in 2008 to live "off the grid." Niki says that about 15 years ago she was exposed to a strong electro-magnetic field and grew increasingly "electrically hypersensitive." Serious health issues led her to a secluded valley near Lewisburg WV for the low ambient electro-magnetic fields. Solar panels run her well pump and she has a gas refrigerator, but no TV, radio, or computer. She says it's lovely. Niki

suggests that people can learn more about electro-sensitivity at [www.feb.se/FEB/Links.html](http://www.feb.se/FEB/Links.html). **VICTORIA REID Argabright** and Bob joined condominium living this year and love their new home and woody setting so much they wonder why they didn't move sooner. Vickie loves visits with **GLENN ELLEN Downie** in NYC when she is visiting daughter Holly and family. **JANE "HONEY" LEMON Eifler** looks wonderful on her New Year's card, Vickie reports. Honey's artwork can be seen on the internet. The mother of **ANNE WARREN Hoskins** celebrated her 95th birthday in Lynchburg VA last October. Vickie Argabright was there and writes, "What fun that was. Anne and I were not only at MBC together, but we were also in the 1st grade together in Roanoke. I loved her Mom then and still do. She is an amazing lady and I would love to be like her and have some of those good genes." **ALICE FARRIOR Butler** continues to provide software training to her clients. She writes, "I am moderator of Presbyterian women at First Presbyterian Church Portsmouth again, volunteer as a master gardener, and love sitting in my garden watching the tomatoes ripen." She and Paul often visit 2 grandchildren in Raleigh, and in June enjoyed a riverboat cruise down the Elbe from Prague to Berlin. Paul studies WWII, and the trip was particularly meaningful for him. **SALLY DORSEY** writes from Bali, where she and Herb were on holiday after a very busy spring. Sally chaired a fundraising event for Atlanta's Alliance Theatre that raised \$450,000 for educational programs. In June, the couple finished renovating a "new" 300-year-old colonial home in San Miguel de Allende, Mexico, where they plan to spend several months a year. Sally concludes, "I feel so fortunate to be where I am today. Life is good." **JO ELLEN JENNETTE Luscombe** is spending time in Nashville TN where she and George

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bought a second home close to their daughter and her family. Babysitting the 2 grandsons in Nashville keeps them busy when they're not exploring nearby areas in TN, AL, and the well-traveled route between Kenilworth IL and Nashville. **PHYLLIS SHORT Marcom** and her husband moved back to their hometown of Fredericksburg VA. She writes, "I'm enjoying having time in retirement to volunteer in my community. I teach a class in English as a Second Language (mostly refugees from Burundi and Afghanistan) 2 mornings a week and do medical records at a free clinic 1 morning, as does **ELEANOR POOLE McCord**." **VIRGINIA "GINNY" ROYSTER Francisco** spent 2 months in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, teaching English 9 and 11 in a private girls' school while living in the compound of the Bethel Evangelical Ethiopian Synod. She also visited and preached in tiny western towns in Ethiopia where Shenandoah Presbytery supports an orphanage and has a sister church and a partner synod. **MARY KERR Denny** edits the Trinity University magazine and is on the boards of Santa Rosa Children's Hospital Foundation and Friends of Hospice. She loves films (has attended Telluride Film Festival annually since 1991) reading, theatre (tries to get to NYC at least once a year for plays), and travel (most recent trips were to Morocco 2009 and a cooking trip to France led by **PAULA STEPHENS Lambert '63**). She is delighted to have daughter and grandchildren back in the United States after years abroad. **HELENA RICHARD Frost** lives in NYC. She closed her home accessories design/manufacturing business and now licenses her designs which are made around the world and sold in the USA. She spends part of the year in Belmont NC, where her son lives and where she has an investment real estate business. The pleasure is having the time to travel and see items on her bucket list — such as Turkey, India, Nepal, and Egypt — and seeing the world as a global village. **BLAIR LAMBERT Wehrmann** and husband, Bob, moved to Dallas from New Orleans (after 45 years) about a year ago. They have 2 grandchildren in Dallas and 2 others nearby. "We all are looking forward to President Fox's visit in October, as we have visited with her in New Orleans," she writes. **SUSANNE "SUE" EVE Fowlkes** is fortunate to have both her children and 2 grandchildren living nearby in Richmond. Her daughter, **ELIZABETH "LIZ" FOWLKES Fagan '96**, was married in Bermuda on June 24, 2011, in a small garden wedding. It was reminiscent of Mert's and Sue's wedding there in 1968.

## 1965

Send your class notes to: Ann Mebane Levine [alevinevv@comcast.net](mailto:alevinevv@comcast.net) 2294 Echo Hills Circle NE, Atlanta GA 30345 **MARY HODGES Kirby** just welcomed her 6th grandchild, Jack. **SUE HOOK Smith** was married August 21, 2010, to Rev. John T. Smith. She retired from 32 years with Nationwide Insurance in August 2010. **MARJORIE LOVING McCaleb** has 7 grandchildren and

attended her 50th high school reunion in September. Additionally, she is working full time as a health and life agent where her interests reside in nutrition and wellness.

## 1966

**ESTHER JOHNSON** reports that she is back in school, working for a horticultural certificate with a specialty in landscape design. Since retiring from the federal government, she has been a partner in a small gardening business, and now hopes to add landscape design to services offered. **JANET WHITE Campbell** retired from University of New Hampshire in January and her husband, Steve Brown, is also retired. **MARY "MEME" LUND Enemark** writes, "My husband, Peter, and I have a new grandchild, our first, a boy, Luca Jae Enemark, born on Easter Day April 24, 2011. Luca's parents are David, Peter's older son, and Minji, our beloved daughter-in-law. Luca and his parents live 4 blocks from us. Of course, we love spending time with the 3 of them."

## 1967 REUNION 2012

Send your class notes to: Kathy Rice Knowles (Class Mama) [rgknowles@verizon.net](mailto:rgknowles@verizon.net) or [collegeplanning101@gmail.com](mailto:collegeplanning101@gmail.com) 67 Ravens Roost Lane, Roseland VA 22967 Susan McKeown Waters [smckwaters@comcast.net](mailto:smckwaters@comcast.net) Lucia Lionberger Thomas [wdlit@comcast.net](mailto:wdlit@comcast.net) **NANCY JEFFRIES Obenschain** is now a grandmother. Her first grandson was born February 6, 2011. **ELIZABETH TROXELL Jones** has 2 grandchildren, ages 4 and 2. **ANNE WILLIAMS Blanks** writes, "We enjoyed a wonderful cruise in May on *Royal Clipper* with the VMI alumni group. We sailed the Italian Riviera. My husband, Randolph, is president of the VMI Alumni Association, so we spend a weekend every month in Lexington VA at meetings and functions. We also try to get in some boating whenever possible."

## 1968

Send your class notes to: Susanne "Sue" Dyer Stanley [stanley6645@comcast.net](mailto:stanley6645@comcast.net) 6645 32nd Street NW, Washington, DC 20015 **CYNTHIA KNIGHT Wier** writes, "My son, Tom, just completed his doctorate in linguistics at University of Chicago. We were proud to attend his graduation ceremony." **BETTY MAYES Hecht** retired last year, but is still working part time as an IT consultant. Her time is spent enjoying her 2 grandchildren and playing golf. Betty spent some time early this summer with **CATHY TURNER Temple** and reports that Cathy's daughter, Katie, is off to law school in the fall at University of Richmond. **JEANNIE LINN Oster** visited her son, Matt, and his wife, Emily, in Bolivia for 2 weeks in February. Matt and Emily are now back and settling down in Chicago. Jeannie's daughter, Alexandra, just graduated with an MA in urban planning from University of California, Los

Angeles, and works for the LA County transportation department. Jeannie is working part-time as a career counselor at Peace Corps headquarters. **BARBARA PENICK Jimenez** is a grandmother again. **PEYTON WOOLDRIDGE** had a little experience with shingles this year and wants everyone to be sure to get a shingles shot. She writes, "Everyone I know who has had the shingles has reported it is no fun."

## 1969

Send your class notes to: Martha Fowler [mhfowler@northstate.net](mailto:mhfowler@northstate.net) Angier Brock [angier.brock@gmail.com](mailto:angier.brock@gmail.com) **JACQUELYN RIEPE Hill** is happily retired and enjoying every minute. One of the highlights for each week is her Saturday morning visit by phone with **ANN SIMS Rutherford** of Roanoke VA. MBC friendships do indeed last a lifetime.

## 1970

Send your class notes to: Janis Krebs Smith [Wsmith4@cox.net](mailto:Wsmith4@cox.net)

## 1971

**LOLLY CATCHING Anderson** was featured in *ionOklahoma* magazine in a lovely article called "Lolly's Hilltop Doll House." Read it online at [www.ionokmag.com](http://www.ionokmag.com). **JANET MERRELL McMurrey's** daughter graduated in May from St. Edward's University in Austin TX. **AMY NELSON Warren** was just blessed with a second granddaughter, Amelia. Her first granddaughter is Charlotte. Amy's daughter, **CARRIE WARREN Jones '00**, is living with her until her husband, Steve, returns from Iraq. She is a very busy woman. **DORIS FAUBER Strickler** retired in June after 38 years teaching public school art in both elementary and high school. She and husband Michael have lived in Lexington VA since 1975.

## 1972 REUNION 2012

Send your class notes to: Elizabeth "Liz" Smith Strimple [lizstrimple@verizon.net](mailto:lizstrimple@verizon.net) 12634 Timonium Terrace, North Potomac MD 20878 **PERCY COPPOCK** writes that daughter Kate and son-in-law David were blessed with triplet girls Jane, Emma, and Julia on March 7, 2011, joining older brother Stuart. Her son, James, is beginning graduate school in landscape architecture at Vermont's Washington-Alexandria Architecture Center. **PAT GARCIA Roche** is retired. She swims and enjoys fly fishing in beautiful places. **CATHERINE ROSS** is one of a cohort of faculty at University of Texas who won the Regents' Outstanding Teaching Award for 2011. **LEA AYERS Gilman** reports that **KAREN PETERSON Mann** had a complicated hip replacement on July 14 as a result of an accident in October 2010. She is doing very well and her goal is to be walking at Reunion. **LINDA VERNER Smith** enjoyed a summer visit from daughter **LAUREN SMITH '04** and

granddaughter Allison. **COURTNEY KINCAID Wilder** also enjoys being a grandmother to her first grandchild, Carter. **KATHY YOUNG Wetsel** wants everyone to plan on joining classmates at our 40th Reunion next April 12-15, 2012. **SHERRY HOLLIMAN** and family are moving to Lynchburg after her retirement in July. She has adopted a chocolate lab from lab rescue and is training her to be a therapy dog for hospital and nursing home visits. **BARBARA ROBERTSON Burke's** son was married in June at UVA chapel. She is still enjoying her job with Henrico County (VA) schools as a speech pathologist and stays in contact with **MARY TOMPKINS Miller** and **SUSAN ELLETT. JULIE ANDREWS Allen** and Percy Coppock are planning to get together in Austin this fall with daughters and grandchildren. **KAREN BRAMMER Austin** is leading workshops for the Screen Actors Guild and teaching acting classes. She appears in *Rum Diary* with Johnny Depp, released in October 2011. **CARYN GOVE Long** traveled Canada by rail this summer and ended her trip in Quantico VA to see her youngest son graduate from Marine Officer Candidate School. **NINA REID Mack** and family saw **NENIE DIXON Bartman** in May when they hosted a lovely party for Nina's daughter and fiancé. **DONA CONNOLLY Mastin's** daughter, Julia, was married on July 9th. She hopes to attend Reunion next spring and looks forward to seeing everyone. **JAN MALONE Steele** was the final judge for the James River Writers' Best Unpublished Novel Contest and a judge for the Library of Virginia's Literary Awards. Her husband, Mike, has several water-color paintings in James River Art League shows. **JUNE REYNOLDS Wood** is very proud of her daughter, Anne, who lives in NY and works as a product developer for Ann Taylor Loft.

## 1973

Send your class notes to: Donna Deitz [donna.deitz@gmail.com](mailto:donna.deitz@gmail.com) Shelley Wilgus Murray [shelmurr@hotmail.com](mailto:shelmurr@hotmail.com) **KATHRYN SPENCER Alexander**, writes "My son will be a freshman at Hampden-Sydney this fall. Excitement abounds. We are both active in volunteer work, especially Honor Flight, a volunteer organization that brings World War II veterans to Washington DC to visit 'their' monument, Arlington Cemetery, etc." **DEIRDRE DOUGHERTY Grogan** writes, "Our only daughter, Alyson, graduated from college and has a great job in advertising. My husband, Mark, and I are still working full time and enjoying Marietta and Atlanta."

## 1974

**ANN ALLEN Savoy** was featured in the June *Southern Living* article "Soul of the South: Louisiana Keeps Playing." Read it online at [www.southernliving.com](http://www.southernliving.com). **SARAH HILL** is the pastor of a Presbyterian church in Lexington VA.



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## 1975

**ROSALYN GWYN Schmidt's** 2 sons are both working on their PhDs. One is at Vanderbilt and the other at Emory. **BEVERLY FEILD Clement** was married in 2002. She and her husband are enjoying retirement in DE. **MELISSA JOHNSTON Kruse** is a realtor with Coldwell Banker Bainbridge Kaufman in Conneaut Lake PA. Conneaut Lake is a glacier lake and is the largest natural lake in PA. In July 2010 **DEE BRANDON Alison** spent 2 weeks in Paris with former MBC French professor Jenny Roucher and her husband, Gilles. **LYNN THOMPSON** is director of library and IT services for the town of Southern Pines NC and has been with the town for 20 years. She and her husband, Bob, celebrated 35 years of marriage in May. Their daughter, Emma, graduated in 2008 from Rice University, and, after a year in Corsica, is working on her MA in French at UNC-Greensboro.

## 1976

**LINDA BLOXOM Graberman** published *No Prissy Shoes*, in September 2010. It is a 31-day devotional for women going through breast cancer. Check it out on her website, [noprissyshoes.com](http://noprissyshoes.com). **KATHRYN LEE** is multimedia developer at Smith College, Northampton MA. She launched

Smith Video ([media.smith.edu/smithvideo](http://media.smith.edu/smithvideo)), an online resource dedicated to digital video producers. She is also the producer for Women's Basketball Coaches Association at Final Four, and the producer for *Shootaround with Beth & Debbie*, a national podcast dedicated to women's basketball.

## 1977 REUNION 2012

Send your class notes to: Pam Martin Comstock [gcmartinco@aol.com](mailto:gcmartinco@aol.com) **CYNTHIA HALL** celebrated 25 years at Porter Public Library OH in December. She writes, "How the time has flown." **KATHERINE MCWANE Doel** writes, "I live in Hilltop when I was a lowly freshman. We are a long way from home."

## 1978

**MELANIE GOFF Bradley** saw the space shuttle Discovery take off February 24, 2011. This has been a lifelong dream for Melanie. **LISA SEDARIS Evans** received her master's degree in education and is working as an elementary school teacher.

## 1979

Send your class notes to: Kelley Rexroad [kelly@krexconsulting.com](mailto:kelly@krexconsulting.com) **MARY NELL MCPHERSON** is the executive director of Freedom School Partners in Charlotte NC. Freedom School Partners "provides summer learning for low-income children, and helps students retain and build on what they learned in school during the regular school year."

## 1980

Send your class notes to: Laura Reed Bivans [Ldmrbivans4321@verizon.net](mailto:Ldmrbivans4321@verizon.net) 19 Turkey Foot Ct, Darnestown, MD 20878-3645 **KATHERINE PIERSON Colden** has a new grandchild, Drew, born July 2010. She also has a 4-year-old granddaughter, Kate. **SUSAN WALKER Scola** writes, "I teach in a small Christian school in Potomac MD. I currently teach 5th, 6th, and 7th grade history as well as theatre in middle school and art in the lower school. My husband, George, and I celebrated our 26th anniversary in 2010. Our son graduated from University of South Carolina in 2011, and our daughter will be a senior in high school in fall 2011." **KATHERINE ANDERSON** writes, "My news is that I

have moved my office to a larger building and am expanding my design services. Also my oldest son, William, has a job in Charlotte with Otto USA, and my youngest, Francis, starts Furman in August. My middle son, Calhoun, is starting his junior year in college." **LAURA REED Bivans** writes, "It's been a busy year Thomas went off to VMI — discovered he loved the military part but had trouble with the academics, so he's home trying to figure out how to get back to the 'I.' Margie is the assistant director of PEG. She has moved to Waynesboro and is working at The Green Leaf in downtown, a wonderful restaurant on Main Street. Dave and I rediscovered being 'empty nesters' with Thomas gone. We had a wonderful time learning how to go out to dinner, have friends over, go to parties, and more. It was a lot of fun. The kids would call to ask, 'Where are you now?' Hope everyone is doing well. Put your thinking caps on for the next set of class notes."

## 1981

Congratulations to **ANNABEL BARBER** for earning the 2011 Career Achievement Award. This award was presented to Annabel during Reunion 2011 in April by the MBC Alumnae/i Board. This award was established in 1986 to honor alumnae who have brought distinction to themselves and MBC through their careers or professions. **BETTE BLAKE Ferguson** has been teaching kindergarten at Brunswick Academy since 2006. She is a VA collegiate professional licensed teacher with endorsements in early/primary education, prek-3, and government. She is married to Bobby Ferguson and has one son Cabell, 15, and they reside at Southern Grove Farms in Skippers. **PAMELA STRATOS** has run 21 marathons and is training for her 22nd. **MYRTLE FRANCIS HATCHER** is pastor of Main Street United Methodist Church in Suffolk VA. (Read the article 'Not an Ordinary Day' from the *Suffolk News-Herald* at [www.suffolknews-herald.com](http://www.suffolknews-herald.com).) **OLIVIA KINCAID Haney** writes, "I continue as a minister at large in Shenandoah Presbytery, preaching at many different churches. My oldest son, Joe, graduated from college in May; Alex is at James Madison University; and Isaac and Laura are at Bath County High School in VA. John and I stay busy as parents and preachers, he has just finished a Doctor of Ministry Program." **SUSAN SHERMAN Southard** and her husband enjoyed seeing old friends at Reunion 2011.

## 1982 REUNION 2012

**BOBBIE NICODEMUS Denn** took a road trip and visited MBC roommate **JENIFER WALKER '80** in CO. **ANN MARIE HAYNES Vanderhout** and husband Greg continue to work for the State of Delaware. Son, Dutch (15) finished his freshman year of high school. Daughter Tara (25) moved to VA to start a new position with Kimpton Hotels in Alexandria. Ann's mom, **NANCY MCMULLAN Pauley '58**, is in Daleville VA and stays busy with friends, community, and church. Anne Marie is looking forward to Reunion 2012.

## 1983

Send your class notes to: Georgianne Miller Mitchell [georgianne\\_mitchell@yahoo.com](mailto:georgianne_mitchell@yahoo.com)  
Tance Anderson Laughon [jubileepr@aol.com](mailto:jubileepr@aol.com)  
1504 Linden Avenue, Lynchburg, VA 24503  
**LORETTA VIGIL Tabb** and husband Mack are empty nesters now. Angela, their youngest, is a sophomore at Virginia Tech and their oldest daughter, Ashley, teaches in Japan. Loretta and Mack planned an MBC visit this May. **EILEEN KOHLERMAN Williamson** works for George E. Wahlen Veterans Hospital in Salt Lake City. Eileen made a trip to Orlando in January of 2011 to visit with **LISA MAE POWERS Muldoon**, who is in her 27th year teaching 11th graders American history. Lisa and her husband, Mike, raised their children and enjoy peaceful time together as proud grandparents of 2. **GEORGIANNE MILLER Mitchell** completed her MA in health administration and EMT, and volunteers at the Laytonville MD fire department, while working full time with the Peace Corps in DC. Her eldest, Matthew, graduates from West Point in May while his brother, John, studies marine biology at Hawaii Pacific University. Mary studies communication disorders at James Madison University as her sister, Sarah, looks forward to graduating from high school this year. Phillip attends 7th grade in DC. Georgianne met up with **CHANDLER CURD Wheeling**, her husband, Randy, and **PATTY KAPNISTOS Leto** in Reston VA for a night out. Chandler is a nurse at Carilion Health Services and her husband continues to entertain the Roanoke area with his band, The Kings. Patty started a new job with Oracle Corp. selling data center solutions to the government. Patty's husband was inspired to start a new business for remote patient monitoring after Patty survived a near-death illness 3 years ago. Visit him at [trapollo.com](http://trapollo.com). In the family's time off, the kids and Patty volunteer at a pet adoption fairs for [lostdogrescue.org](http://lostdogrescue.org). **BETH HEFFERNEN Sucher** has worked at Blue Cross Blue Shield of Tennessee for 10 years as a customer service expert. She reconnected with Georgianne Mitchell as she also expects to graduate with her master of health administration this year. Although Beth says she hasn't been able emotionally to attend any of his fights, her oldest son, Austin, trains to be a UFC fighter while working 3 jobs. Her second son, Devin, serves in Afghanistan as a US Marine. Beth feels proud to keep the service spirit in the family as her daughter, Olivia, just finished boot camp with the Tennessee National Guard. Beth enjoys visiting with many of her MBC friends on Facebook. **SHARON HAYES Siegmeister** teaches elementary school and believes it is a good thing that her husband, Marty, has a wine business to make adolescence more tolerable. Daughter Hasya Bracha starts high school this year. Their oldest son, Hanokh, and his bride, Fraydy, married in Netanya, Israel, in May 2010 in a rooftop ceremony overlooking the Mediterranean Sea. Elisha, their second son, lives and studies in Netanya as well. **BETH SLUSSER Hall's** son, Nelson, graduates from Virginia Tech in May with a mechanical engineering major and nuclear engineering minor and already

enjoys 2 job offers. Beth is in her 26th year teaching 1st grade. Beth and other son, Andrew (17), are doing their first 5K run, the H2o for Life, in February. **TOMI LYN HOLSOPPLE Shmaisani** loves life and enjoys marketing Pampered Chef in Houston these days. You can find her on Facebook. **ROSALIE TAMBURRI Roder** lives in sunny LA and is working on her master's degree. **JILL JOHNSON Horton** lives in SC and writes she is blessed with 2 wonderful children: Elizabeth is in 2nd grade in a French partial immersion program and Pierce will start kindergarten in the fall. Jill continues to be an ESOL teacher for the Lexington County school district. **SHAWN BROWN Thompson '83** of Oklahoma City OK and **MARTHA ANTHONY Prioleau '83** of Ft. Worth TX surprised **GABRIELLE GELZER McCree '83** and family at her 50th birthday celebration. The party was held June 11, 2011, at the Manursing Island Beach Club in Rye NY. Gabby was absolutely speechless when we walked in and surprised her. They write, "It was the first time we've ever seen Gabby speechless." The party was a celebration of Gabby's and husband Don's 50th birthdays and their 25th wedding anniversary.

## 1984

Send your class notes to: Robin Lermo [relermo@earthlink.net](mailto:relermo@earthlink.net)  
6903 Spur Road, Springfield, VA 22153  
**JUDITH BAUERLE** writes, "I'm retired and busy all the time. I volunteer at a primary school — something I always wanted to do — now I have the time and it's great. My husband and I travel; our next trip is to a wedding in Nepal. MBC gave me the education that supported an interesting work life."

## 1985

**KAREN SWORTZEL's** grandson, Samuel Frederick Ashby, was born October 3, 2009. **SHELBIA BAYNE** is retired but uses her education daily.

## 1986

**SUSAN BROECKER Gish** loves selling hair bows and chocolates on [etsy.com](http://etsy.com). Check out her cookie business at [www.mrskishhomemadecookies.com](http://www.mrskishhomemadecookies.com). **CHARISSA CAMP** writes, "My husband, Bob Hutchings, and I will be celebrating our 9th anniversary — happy in Germantown TN with each other and cat Pumpkin. I work as a behavioral health psychologist in primary care at the Memphis VA Medical Center. I became American Board of Professional Psychology certified in May 2005."

## 1987 REUNION 2012

Send your class notes to: Mackay Morris Boyer [mackayesq@comcast.net](mailto:mackayesq@comcast.net)

## 1988

Send your class notes to: Denise Dorsey Mitlehner [denise.mitlehner@loudoun.k12.va.us](mailto:denise.mitlehner@loudoun.k12.va.us)  
**BARBARA WRIGHT** earned her graduate degree in English literature. **CHRISTINE DENFELD Berry** writes, "My oldest child

will be heading to James Madison University in fall 2011."

## 1989

**COURTNEY BELL Frankowski** and her husband completed the Rock 'n Roll/Jazz marathon in New Orleans. **RHONDA RAGAN** received her BSN in September 2010 and is an RN.

## 1990

Send your class notes to: Diana Manning [Thesmannings@verizon.net](mailto:Thesmannings@verizon.net)  
**MAGGIE TATE Riith** writes, "On December 22, 2010 we welcomed Virginia Elisie Tate Riith to our family. Her brothers, Jake (10), Max (8), and Mitch (5), are enjoying their baby sister."

## 1991

**MERRY WYATT** has written 2 children's books: *William's Light Goes Out* and *The Loves of Pocahontas*. Check these out and look for information on other books she's working on at [mwassociates.vpweb.com](http://mwassociates.vpweb.com). **CHRISTY MOODY Collier** was married February 12, 2011. **CORA LEIGH RAYNOR Clark** and her husband, Lee, are living at Fort Drum NY for the time being. She says it's lovely here, as long as you don't mind Canadian weather. **AMY DEBNAM Boyd** would like to thank Sue Marion for all of her teachings at MBC. Amy is celebrating her National Board Certification in education.

## 1992 REUNION 2012

Send your class notes to: Heather Jackson [heatherljackson@comcast.net](mailto:heatherljackson@comcast.net)  
Katherine Brown [kebrown2020@yahoo.com](mailto:kebrown2020@yahoo.com)  
**KATHRYN TATTERSON** and her husband opened a business, M&M Building Supply, in August 2010. She also still owns Tatterson Greenhouse. Her grandmother's old house in Chesapeake VA will be featured on 5 different television shows on the DIY Cable Network. **DORI AKERMAN Stiefel** and Ian of Knoxville welcomed daughter Mairén, on May 16, 2011. Mairén weighed 4.5 lbs and was 17.25 inches long. **VICKY ATKINS Robertson** is now a controller at Ferrum College. **GABRIELA PEREZ-PANGBORN Foster-Brown** asks everyone in her class to give \$10 to MBC.

## 1993

Send your class notes to: Rebekah "Bekah" Conn Foster [rebekahfoster@rocketmail.com](mailto:rebekahfoster@rocketmail.com)  
306 S Court, St. Lewisburg WV 24901  
**LINDA Kagarise** is retired from teaching and now works as a pastor for her church. She loves every minute of it. **SHAWN YOSPIN** has been competing in Cowboy Mounted Shooting for the past 2 years. She was the 2010 L1 VA State Champion.

# Renovated science center will leaves leadership post.

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## CATCHING UP WITH LIZ BARROWS '02

English as a Second Language teacher, former unofficial ambassador to Puerto Rico, chatterbox.

*"I like teaching, but what I really love is getting to know people, their language, their culture, and trying to iron out misperceptions they may have about Americans and our culture."*

**Career:** Master's degree from University of Puerto Rico; taught English at the university and independently until 2010; now at Camp Eggers in Kabul overseeing the English Testing program for the Defense Language Institute in conjunction with the Afghan Air Force.

**Latest thing you did to connect with Mary Baldwin College:** Sent a wall post to Dr. Ivy Arbulú on Facebook.

**Favorite item you own with an MBC logo:** My diploma — although it stays at my parents' house for safe keeping until I have a permanent home of my own.

**Go-to reading:** *Hardcore Zen: Punk Rock, Monster Movies and the Truth about Reality.*

**Advice for students:** Always have a back-up plan and be flexible, because life doesn't always go the way you planned it.

**Most interesting thing I just learned:** There is bacteria in soil that activates brain cells to produce serotonin. So take off your shoes, stick your hands in the mud, get dirty, and be happy.

**Most challenging MBC course:** Spanish Literature of the Golden Age.

**The perfect winter day:** I have to admit that I haven't seen a true winter since I left MBC in 2002. My perfect winter days now consist of sitting outside on a nice cool day, with a cup of coffee in hand, sitting in a hammock and calling friends I haven't spoken to in a while.

**When we say "Baldwin," you say:** Best times of my life thus far.

## 1994

Send your class notes to:  
Genie Gratto

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Virginia Louise Powell was born August 25, 2010 to **KATE STOKLEY Powell** and G. Brooks Powell III. Big brother Brooks IV was 4 when she was born. Sweet baby Louise is all squirrel thanks to both sides of her family. In addition to her mother's legacy, she is the niece of **ANNE POWELL McGowan '97** (a professional photographer who took the picture: <http://annemcgowanphoto.blogspot.com/2011/03/louise-6-mos.html>) and the cousin of **ELISE HARROVER Harlow '82** and **ANN RATCLIFFE HARROVER Thomas '57**.

**NANCY CLARK Brand** writes, "Our twins were born July 5, 2010. I hope you don't mind my sharing our joy. Our babies are a miracle: a boy, Nikhil and a girl, Amaiya (both are ancient Sanskrit names)." **SONALI BAGRI Birla** writes, "I completed a foundation course of integrative health coaching at Duke Integrative Medicine and am working on certification. I continue to work at GlaxoSmithKline in Research Triangle Park NC and am enjoying family life with our 12-year-old son and 9-year-old daughter. Recently I showcased products from India made by my family in India at the Alumnae/i Bazaar at MBC (Reunion 2011). My website is [www.sonalis.biz](http://www.sonalis.biz)" **LEAH GARCIA Schroeder** and Greg are proud to announce the birth of a baby boy, Ian. He was born on April 12, 2010, and weighed 8 lbs. 3 oz.

## 1995

Send your class notes to:

Selene Gorman

[selene\\_gorman@hotmail.com](mailto:selene_gorman@hotmail.com)

Congratulations to **REBECCA ECKSTEIN**. Rebecca has been appointed VP for enrollment at OH Wesleyan University in Delaware OH. **MALINDA BOWERS** received her master's degree in public administration from Virginia Commonwealth University. **ALLISON COMPTON Ryan** writes, "Christopher J. Ryan and I were married on September 18, 2010, on Governors Island in NYC. On an exciting note, our wedding was featured in the NY Times Wedding Section:

[www.nytimes.com/2010/10/10/fashion/weddings/10vows.html](http://www.nytimes.com/2010/10/10/fashion/weddings/10vows.html). I'm employed as a documentary film producer. My husband and I run Dedicated Lane Productions, Inc. ([dedicated-lane.com](http://dedicated-lane.com))."

## 1996

**ELLA EAVERS** sought election as supervisor representing the Riverheads district in Augusta County VA. **KRISTIE BOWMAN Laurvick** was married in November 2009. Kristie is step-mother to Nicole and step-grandmother to Adam Hudgins. She and her family live in Clifton VA. **DENISE CLARY Williams** was elected to the Brunswick County VA Board of Supervisors representing the Sturgeon District.

## 1997 REUNION 2012

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Jenna Smith

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Annie McGinley Floyd

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**SABRA GEAR** is teaching at Old Dominion University in Norfolk. She received her PhD in special education in 2010. **BETHEL MOORE** lost her husband in 2009. She is retired but active in her church. She wants to do more volunteering as her health improves.

## 1998

Send your class notes to:

Jennifer Lloyd Marland

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Columbia MD, 21044

**TARA THURSTON's** son, Sawyer, will turn 1 in May 2011. Tara lives with her son and her partner, Ryan, outside of Philadelphia. **TARA WILLIAMS Romero** has 3 children: Jonathan (12), Emily (3) and Christina (2). **ELIZABETH CALHOUN Swarr** and Peter are proud to announce the birth of their baby girl, Caroline Brice. She was born on May 6, 2010 in Nashville TN Baptist Hospital and weighed 7 lbs. Elizabeth writes, "We are thrilled to welcome baby Caroline to the family; Hudson Calhoun (3) loves her so much. We just celebrated her 1st birthday — she LOVED her cupcake." **LAURA MCCARTER Stone** joined in the celebrations. **NATALIE BERGER Kellen** is married and has 3 boys, ages 6, 3, and 19 mos.

## 1999

Send your class notes to:

Engle Baker Addington

[engleaddington@hotmail.com](mailto:engleaddington@hotmail.com)

2921 Starnes Road, Charlotte NC 28214 **ROB SHORT** is the new director of technology at Sanford School in DE. **ANNE SAVAL Wong** writes, "I received my BSN from Shenandoah University in 2007." Anne is currently an RN at Augusta Health in Fishersville VA on the Med-Surg/Oncology unit and is going to James Madison University for a master's degree to become a family nurse practitioner.

## 2000

**LAUREL BUCKIS Fields** has 2 sons, Thomas Joseph and Andrew David. **CHRISTINA WEST Harris** was unanimously approved as the new principal at Kling Elementary in Buena Vista VA.

## 2001

Send your class notes to:

Amberleigh Powell

[chrisandal2001@yahoo.com](mailto:chrisandal2001@yahoo.com)

10530 Jefferson Highway,  
Mineral VA 23117

**CAROLINE BALLENGER Seale** has 2 children, Harriet (3.5) and Joe (1). **SARAH HENRY** bought her first house in Midlothian VA. **MICHELLE HURDLE** writes, "I moved from Staunton to

Dallas the weekend before Reunion. I work for University of North Texas at Dallas in the Office of Admissions. I plan to make the Dallas/Fort Worth area my permanent home. Would love to see some of my sister squirrels who live in the area." **MENDEN POOLE Kalan** married Trever Kalan May 20, 2011, in Maui. **ERIN KELLY Marsicano** and her husband, Joe, welcomed their first child, Sophia Jane, March 7, 2011. She weighed 6lbs. 13 oz. Erin had 4 wonderful months of maternity leave, but has since returned to her job at the Pennsylvania State Capitol as director of communications for the same state senator she has been with since graduation. **ELIZABETH "Beth" PLEWES McKee** writes, "I'm checking in to let you know that we (Matt, Isabelle (5) and Fionnuala (3)) have left the east coast and moved out to Carmel Valley CA in the heart of wine country near Monterey. Anyone who wants to walk to a winery is welcome." **CHRISTY MURRAY Meister** and her husband welcomed their first child, Olivia Ann, on November 9, 2010. She weighed 6lbs. 10 oz. and was 21 in. Christy was promoted to major in the Air Force Reserve on May 15, 2011. **ASHLEY ADAMS Miller** and husband Joe welcomed home a baby girl, Marie Elizabeth, on December 9, 2010. Marie was also welcomed home by her big brothers, Adam (7) and Sam (4). **LESLIE ST JOHN Paul** married Rupert Edsel Paul III on January 8, 2011. Leslie and Paul are living in Manning SC where she serves as a youth pastor at the Presbyterian Church at Manning.

## 2002 REUNION 2012

Send your class notes to: Anna Henley [annalhenley@hotmail.com](mailto:annalhenley@hotmail.com) or [mbc2002reunion@hotmail.com](mailto:mbc2002reunion@hotmail.com) Myspace: [www.myspace.com/mbc2002reunion](http://www.myspace.com/mbc2002reunion) Facebook Group: Baldwin '02 Scarlet and Gold classmates, start making plans to attend our 10-year Reunion coming up April 12-15, 2012. If you haven't received a Save the Date card, please contact any class officer or the Alumnae/i Office. You can stay up to date on Facebook, too. **AMANDA DAVIS-Holloway** (MAT '06) was 1 of 7 teachers selected to represent Richmond public schools in the Yale National Initiative (YNI). As a Yale fellow, she worked with teachers from across the United States and Joseph Roach, Sterling professor of theatre, to create curriculum units. Her unit, *Strange Fruit: An Exploration of Imagery and Socio-politics of Post-Katrina New Orleans*, will be published in print and on the YNI website. The program is designed to strengthen teaching in public schools and includes school districts from across the country. **BETH CHAPMAN Ford** and daughter Marin are looking forward to her husband's return from a 7-month deployment overseas, his 5th. They are in San Diego CA and expect to remain here for 3 more years as Cliff transitions to flying his new aircraft, the V-22 Osprey. Beth recently switched jobs and is working at TARGUSinfo as senior

oracle database administrator. Marin starts kindergarten in the fall and is excited to see her friends and learn new things. Beth writes, "Marin and I spend our weekends kayaking in La Jolla cove and swimming in the pool. We are truly becoming water girls." Elizabeth Catherine Whitlow McClintock joined **MALISSA DEWINDT McClintock**, Andrew, and big sister Maisie on April 24, 2011, as a wonderful Easter blessing. Malissa is staying busy being a stay-at-home mom to Maisie and Ellie and is looking forward to Reunion in 2012. **LISA BLISS** writes, "In the past year I have traveled all over Europe and am enjoying every minute of this amazing experience. I have renewed my teaching contract for another year in Trieste, Italy, and can't wait for what this next year will bring." **CASEY BRENT** was recently accepted into University of Maryland's social work and law dual degree program. She plans to specialize in social action and community development and public interest law. She will begin this program working with homeless population of single mothers and their children in Baltimore. Although this is a career change for her, she is excited about getting started in the fall. **ANNA HENLEY** was one of the founders of Pet Community Center — a 501(c)(3) organization in Nashville TN — that is dedicated to strengthening the human-animal bond and to ending pet overpopulation through spay/neuter, education, and training. "This, in addition to my business SPOT Prints and 2 other jobs, keeps me busy. Be sure to stay informed about all the festivities as reunion 2012 nears. Don't forget to update your class notes and contact information," Anna said. **ERINN SINGMAN Kaine** lives in Midland GA and works for the director of emergency services at Fort Benning. **A'LEIGH SPENSIERI Hamner** and Tracy are proud to announce the birth of a baby girl, Molly Ann-Margaret. She was born on March 17, 2011 (St. Patrick's Day) at St. Mary's Hospital in Richmond VA, and

weighed 6 lbs. 9 oz. Brother Taylor Collins is very excited to welcome his new baby sister into the family. She writes, "We are all excited that we are a family of 4." **ASHLEY DEANGELO** graduated from University of New England in May with a master's degree in social work. She has moved back to Staunton and is living with her fiancé, Kevin Postupack. Ashley spent 7 days in Paris and is looking for employment. **APRIL ROBINSON-COSTON Williams'** daughter, Milynne, was born in April 2009. Her husband was promoted to vice president of operations at his management company in December 2010. **MOLLY MAHONEY** has a 5-year-old son, Cole. **LATONYA ANDERSON** went to France in December with 2005 graduate Kristen and sang with the French choir that visits Staunton. They were part of a group of 150 French choir members and 57 American members that raised money for the Jimmy Louise Haitian Fund.

## 2003

Send your class notes to: Brenna Zortman [bzortman@gmail.com](mailto:bzortman@gmail.com) **LEAH POTTS** finished her master's degree in early childhood education at University of Virginia and is purchasing a home. **SHANA MEGANCK** received the Grunig Prime Research Fellowship to continue working on her PhD. **LEA SPENCER Trant** and her husband, John, are happy to announce the arrival of their baby girl, Spencer Campbell Trant, born on July 3, 2011. Lea plans to return to her outpatient practice in Chesapeake VA as a licensed professional counselor at the end of the summer. **SARAH HELEN SHEA Studebaker** and Peyton welcomed a son, Jackson Reade, on February 28, 2011, at St. Mary's Hospital in Richmond VA. He weighed 7 lbs. 3 oz. and measured 19 ins. Celebrating **ELIZABETH HILL's** wedding in October 2010 to Elliott Conklin were **NEKIA FREEMAN, LEAH POTTS, QUIANA HAWKINS-Cole '04** (bridesmaid),

**DOROTHY COBY, and KIMBERLY KERN Sweet '04.** The couple exchanged vows at Barren Ridge Vineyards in Fishersville VA and is living in Washington DC. Both are working on doctoral degrees: his in clinical psychology and hers in chamber music. **KELLY GURLEY Roberts** and Shawn are proud to announce the birth of a baby boy, Shawn Christopher Brown "Beau" Roberts Jr. He was born on August 12, 2010, in DePaul Hospital in Norfolk VA, and weighed 8 lbs. 8 oz. He is such a joy, and growing fast. His parents are so proud. **ANNE MEACHAM** and Ann Marie Malcolm are thrilled to share the news of their marriage on April 2, 2011, at the Cardome Centre in Georgetown KY. **ALLISON RAMSEY-LEFEVRE '05** and **KENDRA CLARKE** served as bridesmaids. **NATALIE TASILLO, COURTNEY LEARD '02, and LESLIE RUEFF** were also in attendance. The couple passed through Staunton on their honeymoon, visiting briefly with **ASH WHITE, ERIN DOHERTY, and JENNIFER KRAMB.**

## 2004

Send your class notes to: Sarah Hatfield Nichols [shatfield@pilgrim-school.org](mailto:shatfield@pilgrim-school.org) 404 N. Holliston Ave. #3, Pasadena CA 91106 Kara Shy Neumann [ksneumann@gmail.com](mailto:ksneumann@gmail.com) **ANN MITCHELL Horne** earned a master of science in nursing from Jefferson Science School in 2010. **JENNIFER WOOD Cooper** and Michael are proud to announce the birth of a baby boy, Jackson Gary. He was born on June 8, 2010, in Manassas VA and weighed 8 lbs. 13 oz. Older brother Michael (3) is excited to have a younger brother to make messes with. All are doing well. **SARAH HATFIELD Nichols** married to Kent Nichols on June 4, 2011. Squirrels in attendance were **LINDSEY LIEBERMAN** and **LIZ WATSON.**

Whom did she marry?  
Where are other alums finding jobs?  
How did she reconnect  
with her former roommate?

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## CLASSCOLUMNS

### 2005

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**BROOKE WHITT** Buehring and Michael were married in 2005. They have a daughter, Emily, who was born August 25, 2009.

### 2006

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**LEIGH FRAME** Peterson received a master of health science in molecular microbiology and immunology from Johns Hopkins School of Public Health on May 9, 2009. She has matriculated into the PhD in human nutrition program at the same school. Leigh and Matthew Peterson were married August 1, 2009, at St. Elizabeth's Roman Catholic Church, Chester Springs PA. They reside in Baltimore. **JULIA MESSER** was a bridesmaid and **CARA MAGOLDA** Tucker was a reader in the ceremony. **MARY ANN NOEL** Morris writes, "I've been teaching kindergarten at Mountain View Elementary in Alleghany County VA for 4 years; this year I moved to 1st grade. I'm also the worship pastor at my church and loving

life. My hubby Jody and I live on the 'Mountain Top' and absolutely love what we do." Dr. **MEGAN PAJSKI** recently earned her PhD in chemistry at University of Virginia.

### 2007 REUNION 2012

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Greetings sister squirrels. It is always nice to hear from you and learn what you have been up to lately. **JESSICA LECCADITO** is currently stationed at Forward Operating Base Sharana, Afghanistan, in the Pakinta Province. She is working as the officer in charge of the Joint Visitors Bureau, part of the 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault), 4th Brigade Combat Team. Jessica has been deployed with the US Army for a little more than a year and is anxious to be home. While deployed she met several delegates, celebrities, and prominent military leaders. We wish you well, Jessica, and thank you for your service. **LAKEN HOPKINS Harrell** was married to Brack Harrell on August 22, 2009, at Rockwood Manor in Dublin VA. The wedding party included **TIFFANIE HEGERTY**, **LAUREN CERRUTI Wright**, and **PATTY NADEAU '06**. **STACY DEL VALLE JIMENEZ** Bluestein and husband Keith

welcomed a son, Slade Rano Theodore Bluestein, on March 4, 2011. Slade joins brothers Kellen (12) and Carter (3), and sister Bethany (5). Stacy works as an analyst for the Department of the Navy in Washington DC, and enjoyed a few months at home with her children while on maternity leave. **SHANA TALLANT Daniel** has an accounting business, Daniel Accounting, and 3 children. **STEPHANIE KING** will graduate from George Washington University with her master's degree. **JULIA COCHRAN Izadjoo** married Meisam Izadjoo May 2, 2009, and moved to Clarksburg MD. She gave birth to their 1st child, Sara Arleen Izadjoo, on January 25, 2010. Remember, our 5-year Reunion is coming up this spring. We hope to see you there!

### 2008

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**EMILY SUZANNE HUNT** received a JD from the College of William and Mary School of Law on May 15, 2011. **KATHERINE ASHE** and **TRISHA VAUGHAN** were in attendance. Congratulations to **KATY HANSON Hening** and husband Ross: they welcomed a baby boy, George Alexander Ross Hening, on July 15, 2011. He weighed 8 lbs. 1 oz. and measured nearly 21 ins.

### 2009

Send your class notes to:

Sarah Tyndall  
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**CATHERINE KAMMER** completed her master's degree in secondary education from Old Dominion University in December 2010. **RENEE VANDEVANDER** works for Great Aspirations Scholarship Program assisting high school students with financial aid for college.

### 2010

Send your class notes to:

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**ALANNA WARNICK** is in Panama with the Peace Corps until mid-2011. **BRITTANY WALKER** is a substitute teacher while she works toward becoming a full-time teacher.

### 2011

**ERIKA MIKHAILOVA** and **ADA SUE MYERS** worked for the Staunton Augusta Art Center during its summer studio in August 2011. Erika led the "Garden Buddies" class for 6- to 8-year-olds, and Ada Sue led a "Make Them Green with Envy" class for older students.

## CATCHING UP WITH MCCALL CARTER '07

International scholar, New York Bar Exam conqueror, meerkat enthusiast.



*"I spent more time in the law school while studying for the bar exam than I spent there during my entire law school career, but the sense of accomplishment that I felt when I finished — and the excitement when I heard that I passed — outshined any I had felt before."*

**Studies:** Juris Doctor from Washington University; New York Bar Exam; master's degree from Utrecht University, Netherlands (studies included writing trial briefs, closing arguments and appellate briefs as an intern on the defense team for the International Criminal Tribunal for the former Yugoslavia).

**Next move:** Arusha, Tanzania, for an internship in the Chambers of the International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda.

**Latest thing you did to connect with Mary Baldwin College:** Spoke to Dr. Bowen's International Relations class on international justice and the individual's role in international relations (in addition to having lunch or coffee with several former professors).

**Favorite item you own with an MBC logo:** A sterling silver flask engraved with the MBC seal and "What Would Nietzsche Do?" to commemorate the many hours of discussions we had on that subject.

**Go-to reading:** *Mother Jones* magazine.

**On a recent campus visit, I noticed:** The amazing work that the Spencer Center is doing to get MBC students involved in international community service. I'm even a little bit jealous!

**Most interesting thing I just learned:** Meerkats are such social animals that if you were to have one for a pet it would demand all of your time. When you left it would become distraught and search for your scent and dig a hole everywhere it found it. Even in your leather couch, apparently.

**Most challenging MBC course:** Philosophy of the Arts.

**The perfect winter day:** A lazy, snowy day when I wake up in a warm bed, then brew myself a cup of coffee or hot chocolate. I'd bake some cookies, and maybe even go outside to make a snowman with friends and watch my dog play in the snow (and try to eat it!)

**When we say "Baldwin," you say:** Women leaders of tomorrow.

## ARRIVALS

MAGGIE TATE Riith '90 and Michael: a daughter, Virginia Elisie Tate, 12/11/10  
 DORI AKERMAN Stiefel '92 and Ian: a daughter, Mairén Stiefel, 5/16/11  
 LEAH GARCIA Schroeder '94 and Greg: a son, Ian, 4/12/10  
 KATE STOKLEY Powell '94 and Brooks: a daughter, Virginia Louise, 8/25/10  
 REBECCA RUNNELS Cheatham '95 and Christopher: a son, Christopher Luke, 3/7/11  
 KATHRYN SYDNOR Witt '96 and Walter: a son, William Mason, 3/3/11  
 EMILY ALEXANDER Douglas '98 and Kris: a son, Robert "Simpson," 6/14/11  
 ELIZABETH CALHOUN Swarr '98 and Peter: a daughter, Caroline Brice, 5/6/10  
 STACEY BARROW Hill '00 and Casey: a daughter, Carrington Mae, 12/12/08  
 ASHLEY ADAMS Miller '01 and Joe: a daughter, Marie Elizabeth, 12/9/10  
 MALISSA DEWINDT McClintock '02 and Andrew: a daughter, Elizabeth Catherine Whitlow, 4/24/11  
 BRYANNE MOORE Peterson '02 and Easton: a daughter, Cadence Elaine, 12/3/10  
 A'LEIGH SPENSIERI Hamner '02 and Tracy: a daughter, Molly Ann-Margaret, 3/17/11  
 KELLY GURLEY Roberts '03 and Shawn: a son, Shawn Christopher Brown Roberts Jr., 8/12/10  
 SARAH SHEA Studebaker '03 and Peyton: a son, Jackson Reade, 2/28/11  
 LEA SPENCER Trant '03 and John: a son, Spencer Campbell Trant, 7/3/11  
 JENNIFER WOOD Cooper '04 and Michael: a son, Jackson Gary, 6/8/10  
 SUSAN MILLER Ward '06 and Chad: a son, Noland, 6/1/10  
 STACY DEL VALL JIMENEZ Bluestein '07 and Keith: a son, Slade Rano Theodore, 3/4/11  
 KATY HANSON Hening '08 and Ross: a son, George Alexander Ross, 7/15/11

## MARRIAGES

GAIL MCMICHAEL Drew '65 to Edward Hudson Lane III, 12/4/10  
 CLAUDIA BRUCE '68 to Linda Mussmann, 6/24/11  
 ASHLEY CALL Williams '95 to Jefferey Williams, 2/28/11  
 ALLICON COMPTON Ryan '95 to Christopher J. Ryan, 9/18/10  
 MENDEN POOLE Kalan '01 to Trever Kalan, 5/20/11  
 LESLIE ST JOHN Paul '01 to Rupert Edsel Paul III, 1/8/11  
 SARAH HATFIELD Nichols '04 to Kent Nichols, 6/4/11  
 JESSICA MASSIE Marvin '04 to James "Jimmy" E. Marvin, 9/25/10  
 LEIGH FRAME Peterson '06 to Matthew Peterson, 12/1/09  
 SUSAN MILLER Ward '06 to Chad Ward, 7/18/09  
 SAMANTHA BROWN GEARY '11 to John Curtis Geary, 6/4/11

"O! The quiet joy of being in the early morning shade in my garden, surrounded by dew-laden box-bushes, chartreuse new growth peeking out from everywhere, cardinals thanking me for sunflower seeds, all sorts of living creatures chirping and singing, full of the thrill of living and of the glory of God. It's getting noisier every minute and the sun is climbing up as if to read over my shoulder."

— an excerpt from a 1958 class note by then-class secretary  
 Emma Padgett Fitzhugh '40, who passed away in September 2011

## DEATHS

ELIZABETH JOHNSON Campbell '30, 7/6/11  
 VIRGINIA POINTER Nicholls '32, 3/20/11  
 FLORA BOZARTH Brennan '34, 5/15/11  
 MARGARET CHILDREY Penzold '37, 7/31/11  
 MILLIE HUSSEY Hickey '37, 2/18/11  
 VIRGINIA KYLE Copper '37, 4/20/11  
 CAROLYN LATHAM Campbell '38, 12/22/10  
 ELIZABETH PERROW Adamson '38, 5/7/11  
 ANNE STEELE Redding '38, 9/21/09  
 ELISE CASSCELLS Palma '39, 5/4/11  
 HILDA BROWN Ziegler '40, 4/29/11  
 MARY LOUISE VAN ATTA Derr '40, 10/27/10  
 EMMA PADGETT Fitzhugh '40, 9/26/11  
 EUGENIA FITZSIMONS Eve '41, 5/17/11  
 LOUISE KINKEL Boehmke '41, 2/23/11  
 KATHERINE LICKLIDER Crane '41, 5/20/11  
 HANNAH CAMPBELL Boatwright '42, 6/2/11  
 JOY GILLAND Price '42, 5/23/11  
 MILDRED HUDSON Small '42, 5/28/11  
 JOSEPHINE BROWN Irvin '43, 6/5/11  
 BETTY FREDERICK '43, 9/6/09  
 LUCIE FOSTER Adams '44, 6/13/09  
 MARY KEHNE '44, 12/5/04  
 JEAN GRIFFITH Mitchell '45, 4/27/11  
 MARY ELIZABETH TOMPKINS McManus '45, 5/23/11  
 MARY GOODRICH Baskin '46, 7/7/11  
 CAROLINE STARK Records '46, 5/19/10  
 HARRIET HINMAN Eubank '48, 4/27/08  
 LELIA JO HOOK '48, 3/12/11  
 JUNE LEWIS McHenry '49, 12/26/10  
 SARAH "SALLY" GIFFIN Wilson '50, 9/4/09  
 JUDITH HUDGE Hawthorne Ashcraft '50, 4/24/11  
 MARION RODDY McGinnis '50, 2/14/10  
 VIRGINIA HADAWAY Greer '54, 7/4/11  
 ELANNE LAW Smith '55, 11/21/10  
 ELLAWELLS "DUTCHIE" Milligan Williams '56, 2/12/11  
 WAVERLY ROGERSON Moss '63, 7/3/11  
 SANDRA GRISHAM Dillard '64, 5/14/11  
 JANET ROTH Bruno '72, 5/19/11  
 ELIZABETH RIDDLER Lichenstein '73, 7/20/11  
 EDNA "PAGE" HUFF Earp '82, 2/11/11  
 KELLY CREECY Cullifer '91, 3/14/11  
 KATHRYN MALONE Bass '84, 3/15/11  
 WILLIAM "BART" Cramer '91, 1/3/11  
 LESLEY TOPPING Bailey '93, 8/5/11  
 LINDA PAINTER '95, 6/17/10

## OUR CONDOLENCES

to the following alumnae/i who lost loved ones

ELIA DURR Buck '50, on the passing of her husband, James M Buck Jr., March 16, 2011.  
 PATSY EDWARDS Saunders '50, on the passing of her husband, Robert T. Saunders Jr., August 10, 2010.  
 LYNN LYTTON Hamer '52, on the passing of her husband, Dr. Frederick C. Hamer Jr., December 23, 2007.  
 ELEANOR HARWELL Thomsen '55, on the passing of her daughter, Ann Thomsen Albinson, March 16, 2011.  
 BARBARA BULLOCK Williams '57, on the passing of her husband, Curtis C. Williams III, January 29, 2011.  
 PATSY BALLOU Trevillian '60, on the passing of her husband, William B. Trevillian Jr., January 28, 2011.  
 IVA ZEILER Lucas '62, on the passing of her husband, Professor Raymond E. Lucas, PhD, May 6, 2011.  
 ANN GORDON ABBOTT Evans '65, on the passing of her mother, Anna Lee Abbott, March 27, 2011.  
 JAN WIETHOFF Price '66 and husband Jimmy on the

passing of their son, Joel Parsons Price, July 7, 2011.  
 CATHY IKENBERRY Fawell '68, on the passing of her father, Denry C. Ikenberry Jr., June 1, 2011. Denry was also a former member of the MBC Board of Trustees.  
 JANE TOWNES '69, on the passing of her mother, Katherine Grey Motlow Townes, April 23, 2011.  
 CALLY LEWIS Lavigne '70, on the passing of her mother, Cally R. Wiggan (wife of former MBC President Frank Bell Lewis, April 16, 2011.  
 RUTH MOORE WINSTON '83, on the passing of her father, J. Barbee Winston, April 17, 2011.  
 CYNTHIA CROS White '84, on the passing of her father, Juan Manuel "John" Cros, June 3, 2011.  
 MELISSA HENTZE '84, on the passing of her mother, Vera D. Hentze, April 30, 2011.  
 The family of James Wesley Atkins, on his passing January 30, 2011. Condolences go out to his daughter, SAMANTHA ATKINS Roberts '99, and daughter-in-law, LEIGH ANN MANNING Atkins '97.  
 AMBERLEIGH COVELL Powell '01, on the passing of her mother, Patricia Wheatley Webber, June 12, 2011.

DANA BURNETTE Goetz '05, on the passing of her husband, John David Goetz, July 30, 2011. Also surviving are daughters Jennifer Goetz Nystrom '95, and Emily Goetz Thompson '99.  
 The family of Lawrence "Larry" Roderer, on his passing, February 11, 2011. Larry taught English at MBC's regional center in Richmond.  
 The family of Bette Bosserman Hughes, on her passing, April 11, 2011. Bette was a former golf instructor at MBC.  
 The family of Randolph Arnold Aufranc, on her passing, May 12, 2011. Randolph previously served as head of the MBC art department.  
 The family of Janet F. Leonard, on her passing, May 13, 2011. Janet was a former library assistant at MBC.  
 The family of Mr. Robert G. Watt, on his passing, June 2, 2011. Robert was a former member of the MBC Board of Trustees.  
 The family of Carol Douglas, on her passing, August 4, 2011. Carol was a member of MBC's Advisory Board of Visitors 1986-91.



Wearing their Fighting Squirrels yoga togs, members of the Class of 1969 snapped a photo at the home of Yum Lewis Arnold in Atlanta in early May. (back row, l-r) **JUDY JONES Stevens**, **JENNIFER MACK Urquhart**, **LYNN WHITE Cobb**, (middle row, l-r) **ANN LEWIS Vaughn**, **MARY ELLEN NAVAS Archibald**, **PENNY ODOM Thompson**, **JUDY GALLOWAY**, **JUDY WEST Kidd**, **SHERRI MILLER Stephenson**, (front row, l-r) **YUM LEWIS Arnold**, **NEELY GARRETT Axselle**, **ANGIE BROCK**.



Members of the Class of 1955 and 1956 met at Emilio's restaurant during Reunion 2011. (l-r) **MARY ELEANOR REYNOLDS Henderson '56**, **DIANA REDE Cabell '56**, **NANCY PAYNE Dahl '56**, **SUSAN ANDES Pittman '56**, **MARY MARGARET BEALE Black '56**, **REID STRICKLAND Nottingham '56** and **TOMLIN "TOMMIE" HORN-BARGER Scott '55**.



**AMANDA DAVIS-Holloway '02** representing Richmond Public Schools at the National Yale Initiative in July 2011.



(l-r) **DEE BRANDON Alison '75** and former MBC French professor **Jenny K. Roucher** at the Opera Garnier in Paris.



(l-r) **CYNDI PHILLIPS Fletcher '82**, **CARLA SPENCER '90**, and **PEGGY WEAVER Crosson '67** sang together in fall 2010.



Retiring members for the MBC Alumnae/i Association Board of Directors: (l-r) **JESSIE CARR Haden '54**, **SUSAN POWELL Leister '68**, and **NANCY CLARK Brand '94**.



Six members of the Class of 1961 who started their MBC journey together in Hilltop Residence Hall in fall 1957 were together in Nashville for a mini-reunion in May 2011. (l-r) **MARGO JOLLY Cook**, **LYNN TERRELL Gafford**, **JUDY MERRITT Gibbons**, **MARY SHARP Swayze**, **ESTHER DOUGHTIE French**, and **BETSY LASSITER Clark**.



Sister Squirrels at **CAMI ROA Hansen's '07** wedding in February. Pictured (l-r) **AMINATA TURAY Kanu '07**, **DIANE WALDMAN '07**, **RUTHIE GEVI ROSALES '09**, **ANDREA SKEETER '06**, the bride, **GABRIELLE BERGERET '09**, **ELLESSE FERREOL '05**, **MARIA KWON '05**. **KRISTY MAZZEI Ledford '06** also attended.



**JULIA LOGAN Carvin '43** came back to visit campus August 4, 2011. She knew her classmate, **RUTH PETERS Sproul '43** lived nearby and called her. The two ladies met at the Alumnae House and then went to the Administration Building to relive their memories.



Virginia Louise Powell was born August 25, 2010, with big brother Brooks IV. Children of **KATE STOKELY Powell '94** and G. Brooks Powell III.



(l-r) Doug Brown, **BURI SALINAS Gray '62**, and **BETSY DICKERSON Brown '62** at Buri's in May 2011. "Betsy and I were roommates at Mary Baldwin College a hundred years ago! The last time we saw each other was when Peter and I were in Cincinnati in 1987."



**ANNE MEACHAM '03** celebrated her marriage to Ann Marie Malcolm at the Cardome Centre in Georgetown KY with (l-r) **KENDRA CLARKE '03**, **LESLIE RUEFF '03**, the bride, **NATALIE TASCLLO '03**, **COURTNEY LEARD '02**, and **ALLISON RAMSEY-LEFEVRE '05**.



"This squirrel has been sitting on my bluebird house quite often this summer and I thought of Gladys!" said **LAURA REED Bivans '80**.



The wedding of **KRYSTAL RUTLEDGE '04** and Khari Harrington on July 22, 2011. (l-r) **FAITH SCOTT '04**, the bride and groom, **EMILY TREADWAY Greer '04**, and **NIANI VINES '02**.



Celebrating **ELIZABETH HILL'S '03** wedding to Elliott Conklin in October 2010: (l-r) **NEKIA FREEMAN '03**, **LEAH POTTS '03**, **QUIANA HAWKINS-Cole '04**, the bride and groom, **DOROTHY COBY '03**, and **KIMBERLY KERN Sweet '04**



(l-r) **SHAWN BROWN Thompson '83** of Oklahoma City, **GABRIELLE GELZER McCree '83** of Rye NY, and **MARTHA ANTHONY Prioleau '83** of Fort Worth TX.



George Alexander Ross Hening, son of **KATY HANSON Hening '08** and husband Ross, born July 15, 2011.



**JESSICA LUCCADITO '07** with General David Petraeus in Afghanistan.



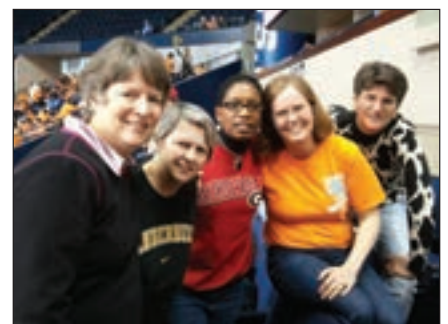
**PAT GARCIA Roche '72**, enjoying the day fly fishing!



Molly Ann-Margaret Hamner, born March 17, 2011, was welcomed by parents **A'LEIGH SPENSIERI Hamner '02** and Tracey, and big brother Taylor.



(l-r) **NANCY JACKSON Miller '65**, **PEGGY SHELTON Fore '52**, and **SALLY ARMSTRONG Bingley '60** on a May 2011 Elbe River cruise from Hamburg, Germany to Prague, Czech Republic.



(l-r) **SUSAN TRAIN Feron '69**, **JANE TOWNES '69**, **PAMELA LEIGH Anderson '84**, **MARY ALICE BOMAR '93**, **HELEN STEVENS Forster '83** at the women's basketball SEC tournament in Nashville, March 2010.



Robert "Simpson" Douglas, born June 14, 2011, to **EMILY ALEXANDER Douglas '98** and Kris.



**KAY HUNDLEY Fisher '61** and husband Bob.



Spencer Campbell Trant, son of **LEA SPENCER Trant '03** and husband John born 7/3/11.



**SUSAN ELY Ryan '61** (l) with a teaching friend at a party, summer 2010.



**MALISSA DEWINDT McClintock '02** with daughters Maisie and Elizabeth Catherine Whitlow McClintock, born on April 24, 2011.



Nikhil and Amaiya [both ancient *Sanskrit* names] were born July 5, 2010. They are the grandchildren of **NANCY CLARK Brand '94**.



Mairén Stiefel, daughter of **DORI AKERMAN Stiefel '92** and Ian of Knoxville, born May 16, 2011.



Mary Baldwin College alumnae in Phoenix celebrated Apple Day 2011 together at Bill Johnson's Big Apple Restaurant. (l-r) **UBAH ANSARI KHASIMUDDIN '99** (with daughter Eyshal Khasimuddin), **ANNI HILL FOSTER '99** (with son Will Foster), **KRISTIN BARNER '90**, David Loar, David R. Foster, and Ahsan Khasimuddin.



Mary Baldwin women at **LAKEN HOPKINS Harrell's '07** wedding. (l-r) **PATTY NADEAU '06**, **LAURA YACONIELLO Kennedy '08**, **CHRISTINA HATCHER Shea '07**, the bride, **LAUREN CERRUTI Wright '07**, and **THERESE "TERRY" LANDIN '06**.



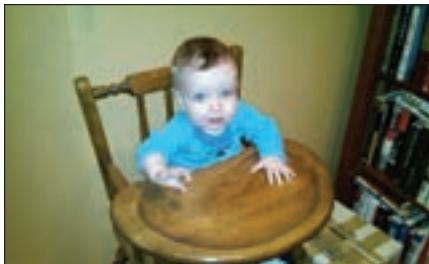
Jackson Reade Studebaker, born February 28, 2011, to **SARAH HELEN SHEA Studebaker '03** and Peyton. Jackson is the grandson of **DEBBIE WOLFE Shea '77** and Thomas Shea.



(l-r) **MARY CLOUD HAMILTON Hollingshead '61**, **NANCY POLE LaRocca '75** **SUE MCDOWELL Whitlock '67**, and **SUSAN JOHNSON High '62** (*not pictured*) attended a luncheon at Manufacturers' Golf and Country Club in Fort Washington PA with MBC Vice President for Institutional Advancement David Atchley and Director of Development Tamara Brainerd.



Wedding bells rang for **SARAH HATFIELD '04** and Kent Nichols on June 4, 2011. At the event were (l-r) **LINDSEY LIEBERMAN '04**, the bride, and **LIZ WATSON '04**.



Couper Marshall Gibbs (at 8 months), grandson of **FRANCES WENTZ Taber '62** and Bo.



**ERIN KELLY Marsicano** and husband Joe welcomed their first child, Sophia Jane, March 7, 2011.



A 1984 "Secret Squirrel" get-together at Jennifer Sisk's house in Matthews VA, June 2011. **LAURA KERR Weaver**, **GINI GATES DiStanislao**, **MARY POLLARD Raith**, **MARTHA SMITH Collett**, **JENNIFER LAMBERT Sisk**, **JERRIANNE THOMAS**, and **SUE SHELLENBERGER Cooper**.

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## Roll It!

A boom mic. An evergreen wreath. A candid laugh. The President's House provided a stunning backdrop for a holiday video greeting from President Pamela Fox and her husband, Dan Layman. Students in the President's Society were featured in the piece, which was filmed by Harrisonburg-based production company DIGICO and distributed in mid-December.





Students show their creativity while decorating some of the 365 gingerbread squirrels baked by Dan Layman for the **annual holiday cookie party** hosted by himself and his wife, President Pamela Fox. For the past several years, Layman, associate vice president for Institutional Advancement, has brought out a giant box of supplies — including edible pearls of all sizes and colors, sugar misting cans, colored gels, cake markers, and candy shapes. This year, he also treated attendees to homemade marzipan bars, hazelnut linzer cookies, peanut butter blossoms, mexican wedding cookies, and marshmallow wreaths. Layman admits that the tradition of student decorating began by accident: He simply didn't have enough time to personally decorate them before the first gathering, so he set out plain cookies to see what would happen. A memorable Mary Baldwin tradition was born.



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