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— President Pamela Fox

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FROM THE **PRESIDENT'S** DESK



PHOTO BY SERA PETRAS

"Draw upon the vast global canvas of the Mary Baldwin community; cast your stars among theirs in a shining constellation."

—charge to the Class of 2014

On a picture-perfect blue-sky morning in May, we held our 172nd Commencement exercises. There was a special spirit in the air for the 371 graduates. The entire weekend of celebration was memorable, beginning Friday afternoon as the Class of 2014 dedicated its class gift to the college — a beautiful entrance sign on Coalter Street — and decorated Ham and Jam in the class colors of scarlet and gold. As I stepped to the lectern to open the graduation ceremony, I proudly proclaimed: "Right now, here on our beloved hill, dreams are reality."

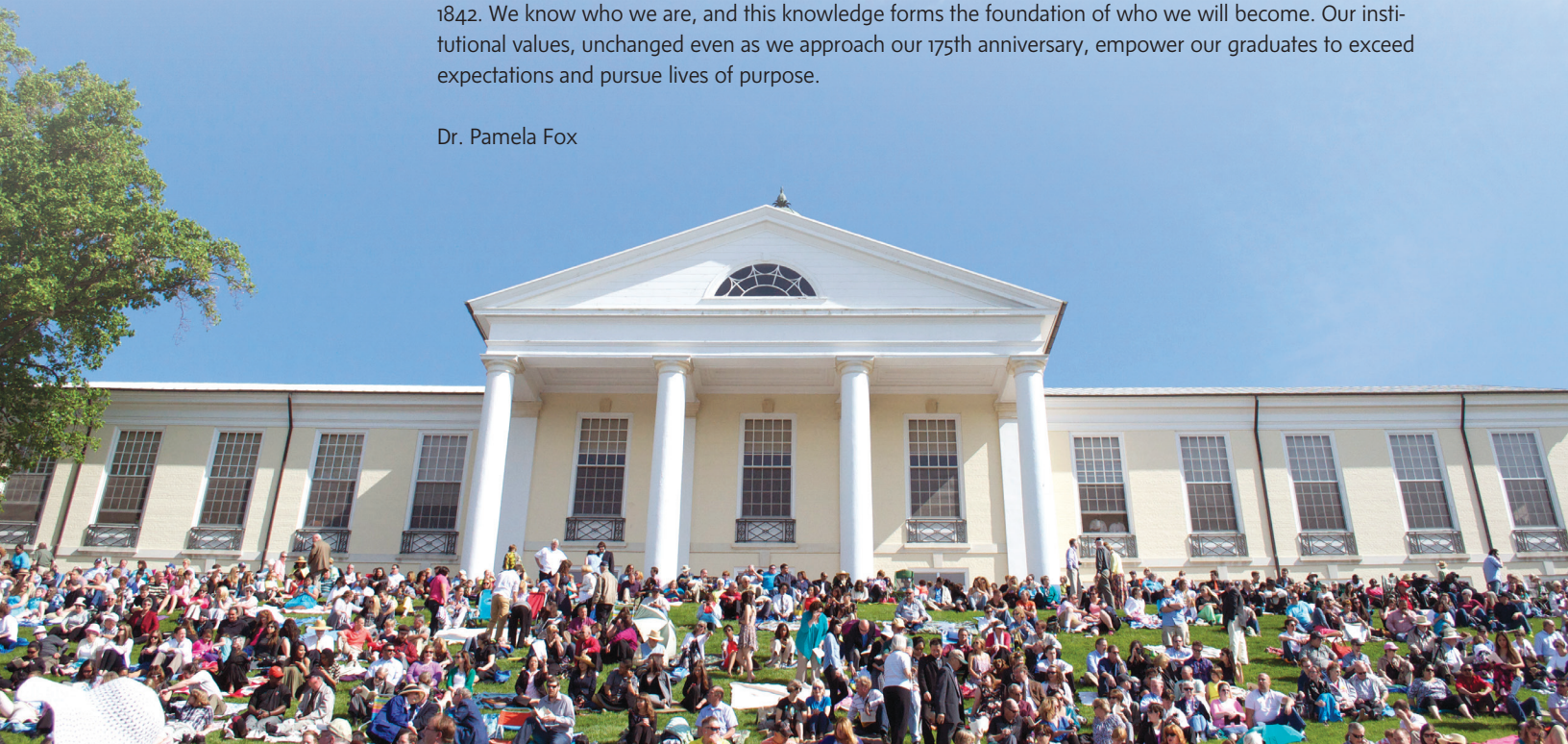
The sense of "commencement" — of embarking on new paths of promise based upon the power of dreams realized — captures this point in time for Mary Baldwin College both in physical and less tangible ways. On June 16 we officially opened the Murphy Deming College of Health Sciences, and our first doctoral students in physical and occupational therapy are now engaged in our cutting-edge interprofessional curriculum in a magnificent new building. Also this summer we launch a new strategic plan for MBC, which will guide our institution in serving coming generations of students.

The plan, Baldwin 2020, brings the components of our institution together in a synergistic, complementary structure encompassing the Residential College for Women (including the Program for the Exceptionally Gifted and the Virginia Women's Institute for Leadership); the Adult Degree Program, enhanced through new online offerings; the MLitt/MFA degrees in Shakespeare and Performance; the Murphy Deming College of Health Sciences; and a new College of Education that brings our long-standing strength in this field to the forefront. These components comprise a constellation of communities — each expressing the Baldwin spirit — that together have greater capacity to do good than each considered individually.

Over the past 30 years, MBC has extended its mission in a continuous cycle of innovation. Today, we offer a range of distinctive paths for students of highly varied backgrounds. Mary Baldwin's historic locus — our commitment to women's education in a diverse residential college — is unwavering. We remain rooted in the liberal arts on three levels: disciplinary and interdisciplinary breadth and depth, learning outcomes that prepare our graduates to deal with complexity and change, and ethical leadership and citizenship. This approach to 21st-century liberal education applies equally to all programs, including our newest, which is designed to educate compassionate, collaborative health care professionals.

Mary Baldwin is growing. We continue to extend our mission as we have done so many times since 1842. We know who we are, and this knowledge forms the foundation of who we will become. Our institutional values, unchanged even as we approach our 175th anniversary, empower our graduates to exceed expectations and pursue lives of purpose.

Dr. Pamela Fox





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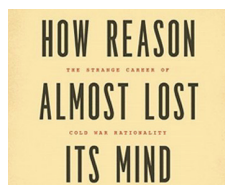
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1 / THESE HILLS WHERE WELLNESS REIGNS

Faculty and staff kick-started the new year with a renewed focus on physical, mental, and emotional well-being led by MBC Wellness and Nutrition Coach Mary VanNortwick and prompted by a change in the college's health management provider.

2 / ECON AND RECON

How Reason Almost Lost its Mind, a book co-authored by Professor of Economics Judy Klein that explores rationality during the Cold-War era when nuclear strikes were just a phone call away, was recently published by The University of Chicago Press.

3 / FAME AND FORTUNE

Two submissions from MBC's student-run creative journal, *Outrageous Fortune*, recently earned slots in *plain china*, a widely respected anthology of the best undergraduate writing and art in the United States.

4 / SIGN OF THE TIMES

The Class of 2014 held a series of fundraisers during spring semester to collect funds for its one-of-a-kind class gift — a Mary Baldwin College sign erected at the corner of Coalter and Frederick streets.

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Virginia Women's Institute for Leadership cadets rubbed elbows with some of the highest-ranking women in the U.S. Armed Forces during the Officer Women Leadership Symposium.

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A decade of research into Fairview Cemetery and Staunton's African-American community by Associate Professor of History Amy Tillerson-Brown and her students made its online debut at www.mbc.edu/fairview.

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Mary Baldwin's Residence Hall Association developed the winning bid to host the 2015 statewide residence hall conference. Amber Keen Ellis, director of student development and support, was named conference advisor to boot.

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Thanks to the efforts of Anna Jarvis, an 1883 graduate of Mary Baldwin Seminary, the first Mother's Day was celebrated 100 years ago on the second Sunday of May in 1914.

Ever Ahead, Ever Advancing

MBC's historic fundraising campaign propels change

by Amanda Minix

Through major initiatives within Ever Ahead: The Campaign for Mary Baldwin College, MBC has raised more than \$66.8 million toward its \$80 million goal. Hundreds of alumni and friends have made campaign contributions to the college in support of the Murphy Deming College of Health Sciences, the Pearce Science Center, the Baldwin Fund, the Spencer Center, the Alumnae House, the ADP Loyalty Fund, and other projects.

College of Health Sciences

A top priority of the Ever Ahead campaign, the college of health sciences' flagship building opened its doors in June to the inaugural classes of physical therapy (PT) and occupational therapy (OT) doctoral students. The state-of-the-art facility is located on a branch campus in Fishersville and includes 40 offices, four classrooms, eight clinical laboratories, two research spaces, and numerous collaborative learning areas. Equipped with the latest technology, the new facility offers students supplemental learning opportunities, such as teleconferencing, lecture capture, and training with virtual patients — much of which has been made possible through the generosity of donors.

Many have contributed to the capital project, which not only includes Murphy Deming's main building, but also the furnishings, equipment, technology, and landscaping for the 30-acre campus. Fundraising efforts will continue throughout the remainder of the Ever Ahead campaign.

"This undertaking would not be possible without the steadfast support of Mary Baldwin's philanthropic community," said Sherri Mylott, vice president of institutional advancement. "We are very grateful to our alumni and friends for their many contributions."

Baldwin Fund

Another major campaign priority is encouraging continued support and growth for unrestricted giving, or contributions to the Baldwin Fund, MBC's annual fund to support immediate needs — from technology updates to student financial aid. This year's theme is all about donors leading the way, emphasizing the influence their support has on the entire college. On May 13, MBC held its first 24-hour campaign powered by the college's social media channels to generate giving to the Baldwin Fund. The effort, dubbed A Day to Lead the Way, raised \$74,000.

Director of Annual Giving Brian Yurochko said this was a natural expansion of last year's

preliminary efforts to increase donor activity through social media. "An instrumental network of alumni, faculty, and staff helped make A Day to Lead the Way a success, producing the highest participation in social media-driven donations to the Baldwin Fund to date," he said.

Alumnae House

A full-scale phased renovation plan is also in the works for the Alumnae House, with roof repairs completed in February. The Alumnae/i Association Board of Directors is assisting with fundraising for the \$750,000 project, and donors have contributed more than \$232,808 so far. Plans include restoring the house to its



Workers completed roof repairs on the Alumnae House this winter, part of a full-scale renovation of the campus landmark.

original open floor plan, upgrading the HVAC system, making the first floor handicap accessible, and much more. When the project is complete, MBC will generate revenue for continued maintenance by hosting events and offering three guest rooms for overnight lodging.

Former Alumnae/i Board member Jane Townes '69 stepped up as a lead supporter of the project. "The Alumnae House should be a symbol of the significance of alumnae/i in the life of the college as well as a useful venue for gatherings and meetings — a point of connection for alumnae/i of all ages," she said.

"The Ever Ahead campaign is generating enthusiasm, excitement, and momentum for significant undertakings at Mary Baldwin," Mylott said. "The entire community looks forward to a successful completion of the campaign, resulting in powerful advancements for the entire college."



MBC Introduces New Director of Alumnae/i Engagement

The Office of Alumnae/i and Parent Relations has a new, energetic leader, ready to foster connections between Mary Baldwin College and its alumni and parents. Director of Alumnae/i Engagement Kim Hutto assumed her role in April and had her first taste of MBC culture at Reunion 2014.

"Mary Baldwin College is an exceptional institution with its own rich history and unique culture," she said. "On the day of my interview when I toured the campus, I knew that I very much wanted to be part of the Mary Baldwin family."

Hutto manages alumni relations activities and communications and oversees two full-time staff members. As a member of the Institutional Advancement leadership team, she will also add valuable insight on how engagement complements donor cultivation for gifts to the college.

"Everyone I meet who is connected with MBC expresses a strong sense of pride in the college," Hutto said. "I am thrilled to be representing the interests of all MBC alumni and engaging them in the life of the college in meaningful ways."

Hutto comes to MBC from Oregon State University, where she served as director of alumni career services.

Vice President of Institutional Advancement Sherri Mylott was impressed by Hutto's tireless work ethic and warm personality. "Kim fits into the Mary Baldwin community well," she said. "In the short time that she's been here, she has already shown our alumni that she is passionate about this college, and I look forward to the creative ways with which she will draw our community even closer together."

Opening Day

Murphy Deming College of Health Sciences welcomes the first class of students to its new campus and plans for expansion with a program for nurses

By Liesel Crosier

Just two and a half years after announcing the creation of its new graduate school, Mary Baldwin College is opening the doors at Murphy Deming College of Health Sciences and welcoming to a beautiful new campus enthusiastic faculty and a diverse inaugural class of occupational and physical therapy doctoral students.

Staff and students are excited about the school's interprofessional educational approach in which students in different health care programs learn together with the goal of improving patient care through professional collaboration. This curriculum model is new to allied health and is being developed at Murphy Deming from the

ground up. It is an exciting prospect, says Vice President of Health Sciences Linda Seestedt-Stanford.

"The amount of support for our programs has been tremendous, and it has served to reaffirm our mission — inspiring the entire Murphy Deming team," Seestedt-Stanford said. "We are elated with the response we've received from applicants, accepted students, and the community."

Seestedt-Stanford is also looking forward to next year's launch of the master of science in physician assistant studies program and the bachelor of science in nursing degree completion offering for registered nurses.



The three-story flagship building in Fishersville includes four large classrooms; six seminar rooms; eight clinical laboratories, including a simulation suite; two research spaces; faculty/staff offices; and numerous collaborative learning spaces.

STUDENT BODY AT A GLANCE

As of 6/3/14

PT

Physical Therapy

60% Virginia
40% Out of state
74% Women
26% Men

OT

Occupational Therapy

57% Virginia
43% Out of state
94% Women
6% Men

Welcome to Class

While the men and women who make up the first group of OT and PT students bring many types of motivation to the classroom, all are enthusiastic about being in the inaugural class. Meet a few of the new scholars at Murphy Deming.



AMY LEHMAN occupational therapy

Lehman, of Lacey Spring, comes to Murphy Deming from James Madison University where she graduated this spring with a degree in health sciences. She hopes to use her occupational therapy doctorate (OTD) to work in geriatrics or hand therapy.



KATHERINE HEINECK occupational therapy

Staunton resident Heineck (left) is "Boldly Baldwin through and through," as a 2012 MBC graduate with a degree in psychology. She would like to work with as many different populations as possible after earning her OTD to build confidence in the field.



JULIE KRAUS physical therapy

Kraus — originally from Staunton but now living in North Carolina — graduated from the University of North Carolina-Greensboro with a degree in exercise and sports science (now known as kinesiology). If the right opportunity presents itself, Kraus says, she will stay in the Shenandoah Valley after she earns her doctor of physical therapy (DPT).



MATTHEW JEWEL physical therapy

Jewel, from Warsaw, Virginia, earned a degree in kinesiology from James Madison University. After he earns his DPT he is considering a possible career in the military, but ultimately sees himself settling in as a practitioner in an outpatient orthopedic clinic.

Why OT/PT?

AMY: I did not seriously consider occupational therapy until my mother was diagnosed with cancer. After all the deteriorating treatments and surgery, receiving therapy was the first time that the focus was on restoration. Our whole family was encouraged, and my mother was given new hope for the future. Although my mother eventually lost her battle to cancer, I know that I want to contribute the kind of hope that my family was given through occupational therapy.

MATTHEW: I discovered physical therapy as a junior in high school after I experienced a shoulder injury during football season. I was incredibly impressed with the knowledge and care that each of the therapists showed me. The next summer, I began to work at that same clinic as a PT tech and realized that my strengths and interests already meshed well with the field. I am very interested in sports and the specific ways a body functions and moves. Also, I enjoy connecting with people in a way that makes them feel special and cared for.

Why Murphy Deming College of Health Sciences?

JULIE: My personal physical therapist in Greensboro studied under Lisa Shoaf [director of the Murphy Deming physical therapy program] at Virginia Commonwealth University and spoke highly of her as a teacher, mentor, and friend. When I met Dr. Shoaf, I was fascinated by her enthusiasm in building this innovative program; her excitement sparked my own.

AMY: Murphy Deming was a breath of fresh air while searching for a graduate school. This program is revolutionary in its focus on inter-professionalism and utilizing practicing therapists as professors.

How does it feel to be a part of the inaugural class?

AMY: I am honored. I will adhere to a higher standard of professionalism because I am representing a brand new program. I am excited that faculty, staff, and students will be working together.

KATHERINE: No matter where we go or what we do we will always be the standard against which future students are measured. I want to make my faculty proud, so that next year they can say, "the class of 2017 has left some big shoes to fill."

What value do you see in working with other professionals across similar fields?

KATHERINE: When I have a problem, I'd rather not jump on Google to solve it. I would rather call on someone who knows the answer and benefit from his or her experience. An inter-professional curriculum will make all of us more likely to turn to others with first-hand knowledge, a resource many professionals overlook.

JULIE: Not only will the interprofessional focus prepare all of us for what it will be like as working professionals, but it will also give us a deeper understanding of the patient. Incorporating different aspects of care from the start of someone's rehabilitation will truly put the patient's needs at the core of their care.

MATTHEW: When I become a physical therapist, I will not be working in isolation from other health care professionals, so it will be valuable to learn how to collaborate with them. I know I will best serve my patients if I understand the scope of the care they are receiving.

Hospital Helps Launch Degree-Completion Program for Nurses

As hospitals require an increasing percentage of nurses to hold baccalaureate degrees, Mary Baldwin College will help answer the call through the Murphy Deming College of Health Sciences — thanks, in part, to a grant from Augusta Health of \$60,000 per year for five years.

The hospital's sponsorship will help nurses meet national education mandates while allowing MBC to move forward quickly with development of a program that serves compelling regional needs. College faculty plan to launch the bachelor of science in nursing (BSN) degree completion program, or RN-to-BSN, in 2015.

"Augusta Health is proud to work with Mary Baldwin College and the Murphy Deming College of Health Sciences to provide educational alternatives for our nurses and for all nurses in the community," said Mary N. Mannix, president and CEO of Augusta Health, who began her own career as a hospital nurse.

"[Augusta Health's] sponsorship now allows us to develop another degree program that will serve Virginia's RN-prepared nurses, and through them, their patients, as well as our broader



STRONG

PHOTO BY LINDSEY WALTERS

community," said MBC President Pamela Fox. "We are so very grateful for their confidence in us and the opportunity to collaborate for the greater good."

Drew Strong has been named director of Murphy Deming's newest program. She comes to MBC with a wealth of knowledge and experience in nursing and nursing education.

Requirements for completing the BSN will include post-licensure nursing courses as well as general studies coursework. The program will be offered online, allowing working nurses to access their classes when it is convenient.

Steve Colvin touts the RN-to-BSN path, which he followed on his way to becoming director of the Progressive Care Unit at Augusta Health.

"Much of the coursework was focused on nursing theory, research, and the application of evidence-based practice. I am a believer that these concepts cannot be fully grasped without the working knowledge gained through the experience of being a bedside nurse," Colvin said. "Nursing is an empathetic art that is informed heavily by scientific medicine. The science can be taught didactically and clinically while the art is honed through experience."

Human Interest

Rwandan social worker looks forward to meaningful homecoming after earning MBC degree

By Dawn Medley

"She never hesitated to meet someone new."

"She was a voice for international scholars who are so grateful just for the opportunity to learn."

"Her thoughtful approach inspired other students to think carefully about information and issues before responding. Her very presence inspires others to think about things in a different way."

Admiration of Berra Kabarungi spills naturally from Mary Baldwin College faculty, staff, and students. The former Rwandan refugee was more than an international student. She did more than attend classes and earn solid grades in her non-native language. Kabarungi uprooted her successful career and her life in 2011 for a new identity as a full-time student at a small, liberal arts women's college that was unknown to her until a few months before she arrived on campus. She made every moment count.

"There is not a single experience in my life, and particularly those at Mary Baldwin, that has not contained within it a lesson," Kabarungi said early in her tenure at MBC. "I continually experience things that remind me that life itself is a school."

Throughout seven semesters at MBC, Kabarungi never wavered from a philosophy she conveyed shortly after arriving in the United States: "When a door for change appears, I am not intimidated by it. I am ready. I prepare myself for the next step."

With cheers from friends and family — including her husband, Janvier Gakwaya,

who moved to Staunton to support her education — Mary Baldwin sent Kabarungi off to her next "open door" May 18 as a member of the Class of 2014.

Change Agent

Kabarungi leaves Mary Baldwin transformed — from her growing skills in social science research to her expanded wardrobe of cold-weather clothing. But in many ways, Berra has also become more intensely "Berra," shaping those around her just by being herself.

Staunton resident Louisa Dixon was one of the first people Kabarungi met as she settled into life on campus in January 2011.

"I have a very clear memory of our first face-to-face meeting. Both Berra and Janvier exuded friendliness and character," said Dixon, who served as local host for Kabarungi and her husband. Former Mary Baldwin director of international programs Heather Ward connected the pair with Dixon — who is well-versed in French, a language in which Gakwaya is fluent.

The couple lived independently, first on campus and later in a house within walking distance, and Dixon and her family and friends hosted them for holidays, accompanied them to church, and involved them in social activities.

"Over the years, our friendship has deepened to the point that we truly feel they are part of our extended family," Dixon said.

Former country director in Rwanda for the global women's advocacy organization Women for Women International, Kabarungi was invited to study at Mary Baldwin on a full scholarship. She enrolled in a wide variety of courses and took advantage of every available opportunity to deepen her understanding in her major, social work.

"Berra has been involved in the Social Work Club's activities at a nearby homeless shelter, child care center, and adult day care center. She is eager to learn and open to anything that comes her way," said Mary Clay Thomas, assistant professor of social work and Kabarungi's academic advisor.

Thomas explained that Kabarungi brought "an unprecedented international focus" to the social work program and that her presence highlighted MBC's diverse, inclusive environment.

"Most of all, Berra is a delightful woman to know and teach. I will truly miss her," Thomas said.

The dozens of students with whom she bonded had similar reflections about the driven, yet endearingly intimate Kabarungi. Instead of detailing how they helped her acclimate to life in the states, they unfailingly described how she enriched their undergraduate experience.

"Seeing Berra's passion for learning reminds me that education is not something to be taken for granted. To her, it was the ultimate privilege," said junior Cassandra Matondo. She got to know Kabarungi through faith-based events on campus, which point to Kabarungi's strong Christian devotion, another of her defining characteristics.



We're for Women

Berra Kabarungi's MBC education was part of the college's partnership with the global women's advocacy group Women for Women International, which also includes:

- An active student group, **Changemakers for Women**, that coordinates events and holds fundraisers to support women survivors of war in countries such as Bosnia and Herzegovina, Nigeria, and Iraq
- A current **member of the Mary Baldwin College Board of Trustees** and 2009 Commencement speaker, Karen Sherman, who recently served as executive director for global programs at Women for Women



After graduating from MBC in May with a degree in social work, former refugee Berra Kabarungi hopes to make a meaningful contribution at home in Rwanda.

Melissa Anoh '14 made an immediate connection with Kabarungi as a native Rwandan.

"I was excited to know that there was someone else from my home country on campus," said Anoh, who also majored in social work. "She faithfully kept me informed of what was going on in Rwanda and told me about opportunities to have an impact there. In classes such as Peacemaking and Conflict Resolution, we shared similar ideas and perspectives."

One Step Forward

Kabarungi's original post-graduate plans included continuing her studies in a peace-building program in the United States. She applied and was accepted to nearby Eastern Mennonite University's master's degree program in conflict transformation, but because she and her husband are permitted only limited employment on their international visas, they could not finance tuition for the program.

Rather than being frustrated by what many would consider an obstacle, Kabarungi views the change in course as a way to return to the homeland she has not seen for nearly four years. She looks forward to making a meaningful contribution in the impoverished country where education, health care, and political freedom are still considered luxuries for many citizens.

"Many socioeconomic and political aspects have improved in Rwanda since 2011, but poverty-related problems persist in rural communities, where many children fail to attend school because of commitments at home and the inability to purchase uniforms or books," Kabarungi said.

Kabarungi hopes to find a position in a human service organization, a social or economic development program, or a national or international nonprofit organization that will draw on her previous work experience and social work training at MBC.

Under her leadership from 2004 to 2010, the Rwandan chapter of Women for Women expanded to include direct financial assistance, rights education, vocational skills training, and income-generating opportunities, as well as improved awareness of women's health and nutrition issues.

As a capstone to her Mary Baldwin education, Kabarungi's field placement at United Way of Greater Augusta in spring 2014 provided the ideal setting to showcase her studies, skills, and personality. While researching and analyzing information about the community to determine additional needs and gaps in human services, she "helped us find common ground for public action and ways to work together to build a stronger and more engaged community," said United Way of Greater

Augusta CEO Cynthia Pritchard.

"Her significant research and work on financial stability have translated to initiatives in our region," Pritchard said, noting Kabarungi's critical role in the United Way's Community Conversations series.

Like many others at MBC, former associate director of civic and global engagement Rhea Vance-Chang '08 said Kabarungi is well-prepared to face a somewhat uncertain career path.

"Berra is returning to a country where social work might not mean what it means here," Vance-Chang said. "She will rely on the critical thinking she developed through her liberal arts education to help her social work skills integrate into work in another culture."

Praise and well wishes from campus and beyond buoyed Kabarungi as she prepared to leave the community she has called home for nearly four years.

"It's very exciting, very humbling, and beyond what my mere words can describe," she said.

"My graduation is a very different situation, but, in some ways, I now understand better what those who completed Women for Women International programs felt upon earning their graduation certificates. The pride, the accomplishment, and the overwhelming gratitude."

‘Bulldozers, Steam Shovels, and Academic Excellence’

MBC remembers its fifth president, Samuel R. Spencer Jr.

When the creation of the Samuel R. Jr. and Ava Spencer Center for Civic and Global Engagement was announced in spring 2007, President Emeritus of Mary Baldwin College Sam Spencer did not hesitate to give credit to his longtime wife, Ava. “I am delighted for her to be included in the naming,” he said. “So often, there are wives who do so much to support their husbands in leadership positions, and they are not always publicly recognized.” Ava Spencer

was again at her husband’s side when he passed away October 16, in Davidson, North Carolina, at age 94.

Sam Spencer served Mary Baldwin College with creativity and vigor for more than 50 years, beginning in 1957 with his tenure as Mary Baldwin’s fifth president. He was selected for the position at age 38 and guided the college into a legendary era of physical growth and intellectual development that would position MBC to house chapters of two prestigious national honor societies — Phi Beta Kappa and Omicron Delta Kappa — soon after his presidency.

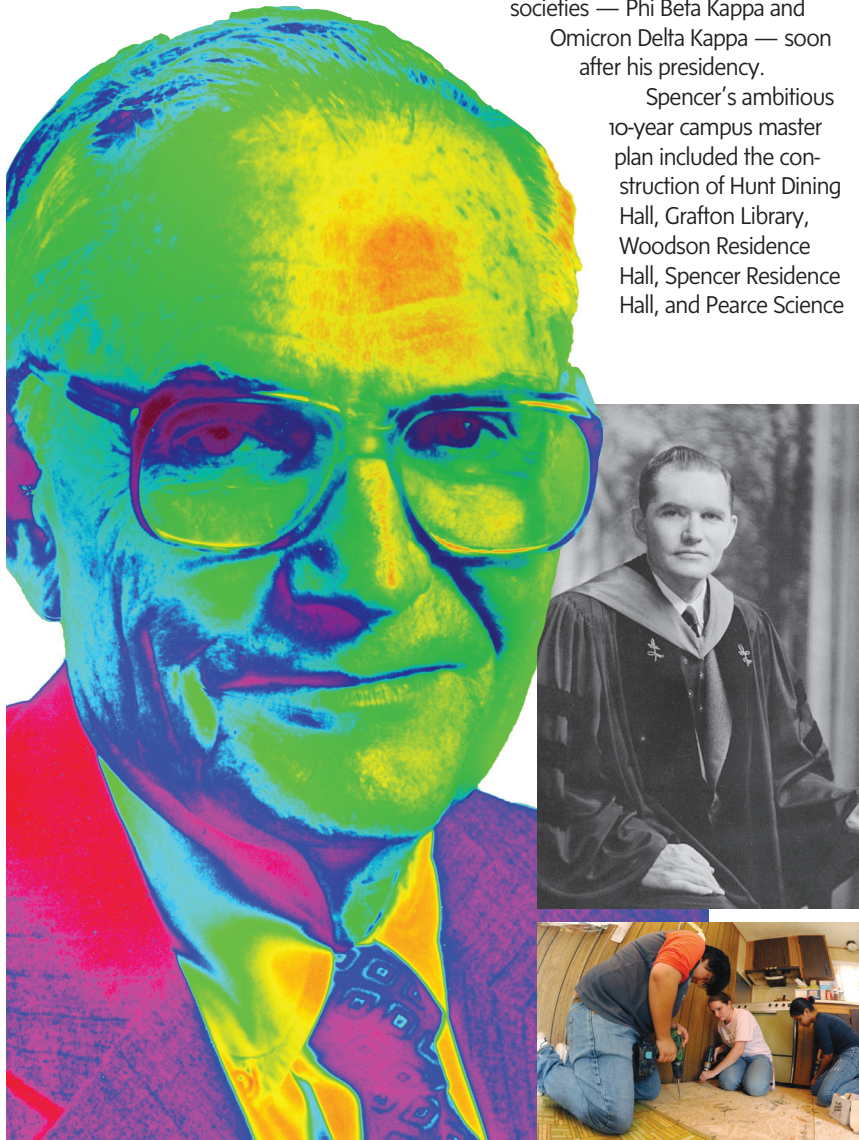
Spencer’s ambitious 10-year campus master plan included the construction of Hunt Dining Hall, Grafton Library, Woodson Residence Hall, Spencer Residence Hall, and Pearce Science

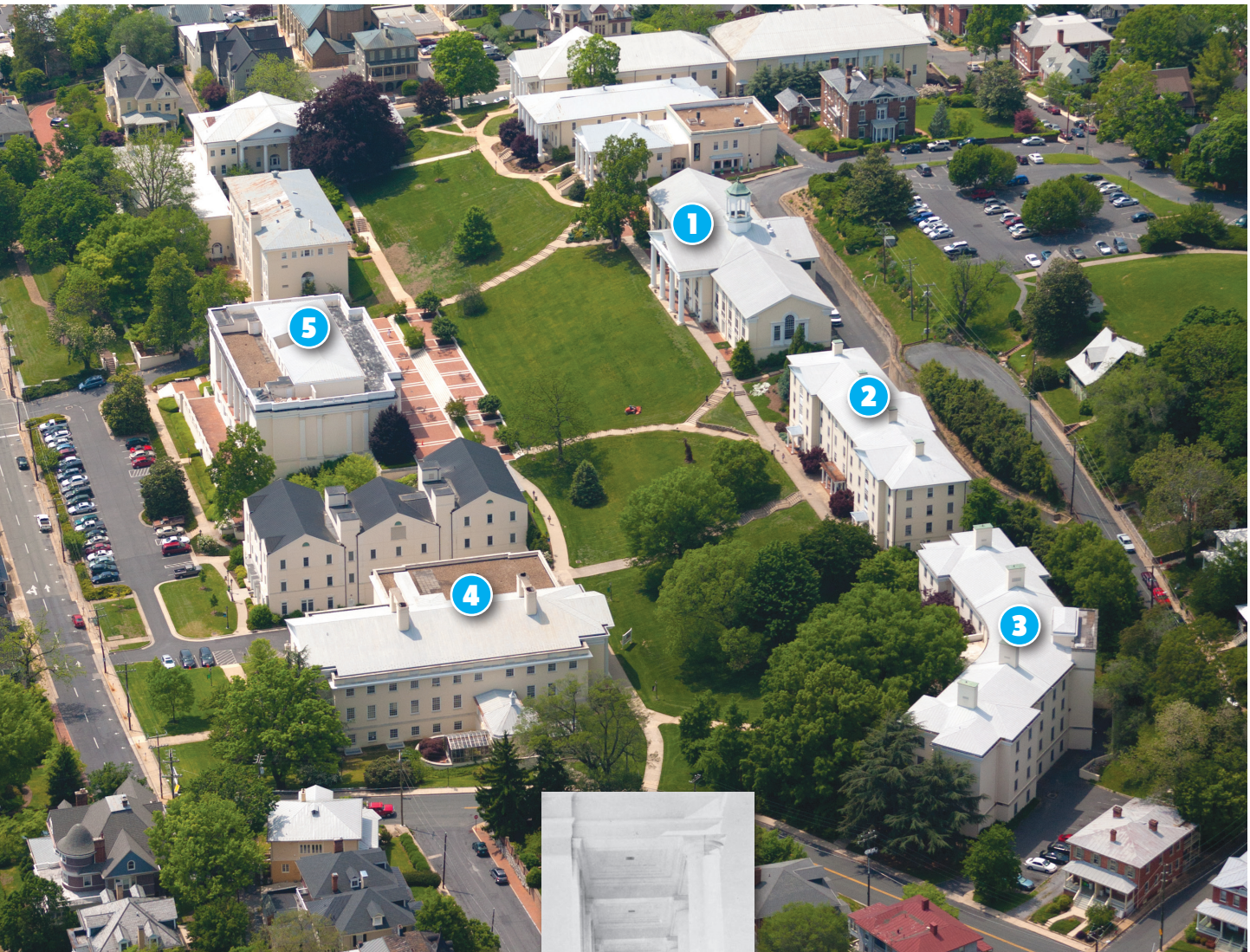
Center. The late MBC historian Patricia Menk later affectionately referred to his presidency as an era of “bulldozers, steam shovels, and academic excellence.”

Fifty years after the start of his MBC presidency, the opening of the Spencer Center — at the heart of the expanded campus that he helped create — served as a testament to his global and service-oriented outlook.

Spencer’s most recent involvement with MBC came as a member of the college’s Board of Trustees from 1996 to 2007, where he served energetically on the board’s executive committee, trusteeship committee, and as co-chair of the academic affairs committee. His contributions to the growth and development of the college were recognized with a Doctor of Humane Letters and status as an honorary alumnus of Mary Baldwin.

“While I chaired the Board of Trustees, Sam was my rock, my sounding board, and my mentor,” said Claire Lewis “Yum” Arnold ’69, who led the board from 1999 to 2004. “I could call him at any time on any subject, knowing that he would give me wise counsel and that he would hold in confidence any issue I took to him. Among many things, he guided us through our search for a new president. What I will ever be grateful for ... is his warmth and knowing that he called me his friend.”





A Master Plan, A Lasting Legacy

During Spencer's tenure as president, he oversaw the construction of several buildings at the heart of the Mary Baldwin campus:

- 1 Hunt Dining Hall
- 2 Woodson Residence Hall
- 3 Spencer Residence Hall
- 4 Pearce Science Center
- 5 Grafton Library



Indian Scholar Creates Enduring Connection

Triveni Goswami Mathur was on the Mary Baldwin College campus for just a few months in fall 2013 as the college's Fulbright-Nehru Visiting Scholar, but she plans to remain a member of the extended MBC family for a long time to come.

"I returned to India an emotionally and intellectually richer human being," said Mathur, who resumed her position in January as visiting professor of contemporary India and media studies at the Alliance for Global Education in Pune. "The connections I made with faculty, staff, and students at MBC will hopefully last a lifetime."

The relationship is the most recent link between MBC and Indian scholars that began with Professor of Philosophy Roderic Owen's initial visit to Lady Doak College (LDC) in Madurai in 2005. The campus in recent years has welcomed several guest lecturers and professors from Lady Doak and various Fulbright programs, and has hosted two cadets each year from LDC.

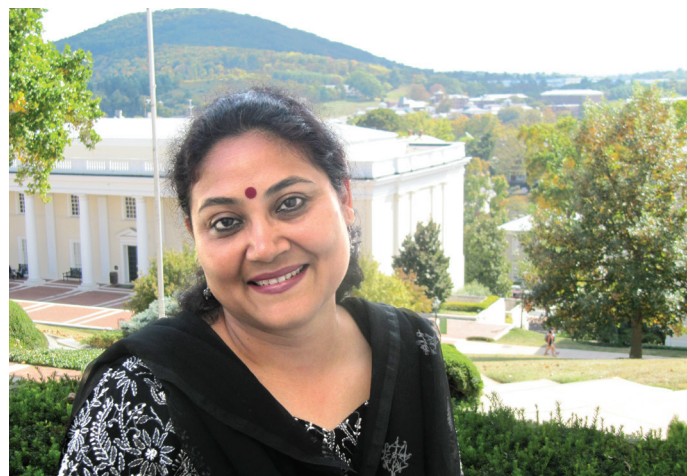
A former journalist, author, and film and

stage actress in India, Mathur enriched a wide range of disciplines. She taught a course on contemporary India, co-taught Gandhi and Peacemaking with Owen, gave presentations in communication and women's studies classes, participated in several campus events, and even performed on the Blackfriars Playhouse stage.

"Her contributions to the MBC community were huge," said Professor of Asian Studies Daniel Métraux. "Her knowledge about Indian affairs was very beneficial to our international relations and Asian studies programs."

Junior Lorien Lutz, who contributed a poem to a booklet about peace that Mathur compiled during her time at Mary Baldwin (see inset), got to know Mathur during after-class conversations and meals in Hunt Dining Hall.

"Dr. Triveni" helped us look at Gandhi and world events with another country's eyes. She had



amazing ideas, personal stories, and research that brought to life the concepts she introduced in class. Her enthusiasm was contagious," Lutz said.

Mathur is already exploring possibilities for continuing her link to Baldwin. Her ideas include connecting the Murphy Deming College of Health Sciences with a leading institution in Pune, the Sancheti Healthcare Academy; creating a pathway for Indian students to enter the Adult Degree Program; and forming an Indian theatre study tour and production for MBC graduate students in the Shakespeare and Performance program.

"It is not uncommon to hear people say that they are passionate about Shakespeare, but Triveni's passion comes from her experience working on Shakespeare and a desire to continue her work," said Doreen Bechtol, company manager for Shakespeare and Performance. "A few students were ready to buy plane tickets to India and join the traveling troupes that she described. I have the distinct feeling that we will see her again."

In the meantime, Mathur is conveying to her Indian colleagues the advantages of a rich academic culture and discussion-based pedagogy at the undergraduate level.

"MBC represents a perfect blend of the intellect and the soul," she said.

The Courage to Embrace Peace

Triveni Mathur collected nearly 90 student responses to the question "What does peace mean to me?" The project resulted in a hand-held booklet titled *The Courage to Embrace Peace*, which was so popular among students, faculty, and staff that the college printed a second run within a month of the original. "I think it was the simplicity and intensity of students' thoughts on peace that struck a chord," Mathur said. "There are many scholarly books on peace, but this was different because it presented young minds' contemplation of the elusive concept."

Here is an excerpt from the booklet, a passage submitted by Kaylyn Lonergan '16:

Peace is a long stretch of pavement where you run at a pace. You feel no need to speed up or slow down. You feel the breeze. You keep on track. Nothing interrupts you. You refuse to stop. You feel no pain. You do not think. Peace is a runner's daze!

In Memory

Dave Koontz, MBC systems analyst

Dave Koontz was in the office during regular business hours, but he never really stopped working to ensure the online security of Mary Baldwin College. His wife, Ann — who came to MBC herself seven years ago and now serves as campus switchboard operator — recalled Dave monitoring system updates and fielding inquiries while the couple was watching a movie at home or during their annual vacation to Virginia Beach. "He knew that he was dealing with issues and systems that don't take breaks," Ann said. "He didn't mind the round-the-clock work; he enjoyed being needed and was very committed to doing what he could to keep things running properly and maintaining the best network security possible. He was proud of how tight the system had become."

Dave Koontz, 51, passed away November 6 at Rockingham Memorial Hospital. His Mary Baldwin tenure began in 1997, and his most recent posi-



tion was lead systems analyst in the Office of Information Technology.

Before he found his niche at MBC, Koontz worked in a variety of positions including video store management and office equipment distribution. Dave's wife of 23 years said he was "into computers before they were mainstream" and that "there were motherboards all over the house" when he dove into computer rebuilding projects as a hobby. Before Facebook and instant messaging, he created and facilitated a type of chat forum

that he referred to as a bulletin board, Ann Koontz said. He completed several courses and special programs at Blue Ridge Community College to enhance and update his knowledge in the field.

At Mary Baldwin, he worked closely with colleagues to introduce and update the email system, roll out an effective ID card system, and ensure security for credit card transactions.

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ON THE PODIUM

MARY BALDWIN'S FEATURED EVENTS AND GUEST APPEARANCES



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DMITRY VOLKOV, cellist, 1987–2014

MBC's partnership with the Heifetz International Music Institute to create the very first artist-in-residence position was a triumph in the community this academic year, thanks to the dedication, talent, and goodwill of world-class cellist Dmitry Volkov. So much so, that when Volkov passed away suddenly in early May, the effects were felt all over Staunton.

During his time on campus, Volkov was a guest lecturer and performer at MBC classes and events. He also headlined fund-raising concerts for Heifetz scholarships and visited a local hospital and schools, introducing hundreds of local children to classical music.

The residency extended the MBC-Heifetz affiliation beyond the elite summer music

program, which has been based at the college since 2011.

"This was created to help build a stronger relationship between MBC and Heifetz beyond what happens in the summer," Volkov said earlier this year. "It also fits with the Heifetz mission to reach out into the community."

Volkov was born in the city of Togliatti on the Volga River in Russia and moved to Moscow at age 14. He attended the Peabody Institute at Johns Hopkins University in Baltimore and performed in several of Europe's most prestigious concert halls. He passed away suddenly May 10 in Baltimore on the eve of a trip to Japan for a chamber music competition.

» see one of Volkov's performances and read Daniel Heifetz's tribute at www.mbc.edu/magazine

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VISITING SPEAKER AND RECIPIENT OF THE 2013 IBVI SUSTAINABLE VISIONS AND VALUES AWARD

Agnes Kamara-Umunna, author and humanitarian

GUEST LECTURER

Morris Phibbs, deputy director, Center for Black Music Research

HUNT GALLERY EXHIBITION

Drawing on History: New Work by **John Hancock**

VISITING SPEAKER

John A. Stokes, educator and Civil Rights activist

FIRESTONE LECTURE IN CONTEMPORARY ART

Mary Reid Kelley and **Patrick Kelley**, filmmakers

CARL BROMAN CONCERT

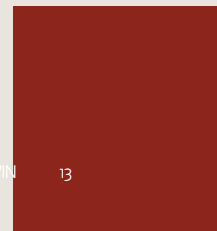
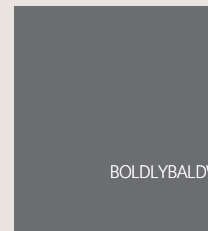
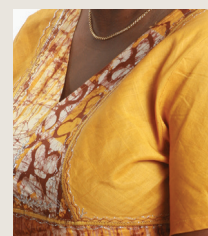
Amit Peled, cello, and **Alon Goldstein**, piano

BLACK HISTORY MONTH EVENT

City Dance Theatre of Richmond

COMMENCEMENT SPEAKER

Beth Macy, author and journalist



The background of the entire page is a deep blue night sky filled with numerous stars of varying brightness. Some stars have a soft, glowing halo. At the bottom of the image, there is a dark silhouette of a landscape, including what appears to be a hill on the left, a building with a gabled roof in the center, and a flagpole with a flag on the right.

A Point of Light

MBC Looks to the Next 40 Years of Adult Education

BY LIESEL CROSIER

When 23-year-old wife, mother, and nurse Diane Babral decided to go back to school in 1976, there weren't many options that would accommodate her lifestyle and work schedule. But Mary Baldwin College had just launched a new program for adult learners, and Babral found in that fledgling program — housed in a small annex next to the old Kings Daughters Hospital — the personal attention and flexibility she needed.

In pursuit of a bachelor's degree in psychology and sociology, Babral began as a part-time student while working full-time. "I loved learning," said Babral, now a nursing instructor at James Madison University. "I had the respect of the professors, my advisor, and fellow students." A year and a half later, Babral became the first graduate of Mary Baldwin's Adult Degree Program (ADP), her career path transformed, her life enriched.

Decades later, ADP helped open doors for Cindy Good, another motivated mother. After the Wrangler jeans plant, at which she was a clothing inspector, closed down in favor of cheaper, overseas labor, Good found herself without work or job prospects. Thanks to a community college subsidy through the federal Trade Act, she returned to school and through her own careful planning and the guidance she received from thoughtful advisors, Good graduated from MBC in 2012 with a bachelor's degree in history, a minor in education, and a license to teach elementary school.

"I said, 'I'm just going to try something different,'" Good recalled. "When you work in a factory, you're hard at it all day. I had the chance to get out of it. It was my chance. So I had to give it a try."

That same willingness to try new things, to evolve in the face of challenge is a common thread between ADP students and the program itself. Although faced with stiff competition in the adult higher education market, Mary Baldwin remains one of the best options for motivated adult learners. ADP has not only remained true to the MBC philosophy of personalized and transformative education, but has also provided critical support to the financial health of the college, enhanced the educational experience for traditional undergraduates, and broadened MBC's reach into communities across Virginia. ADP has grown to become a fundamental part of what Mary Baldwin College is today. And what it will be in the future.

IN THE BEGINNING

In 1976, the college faced a large budget deficit, declining enrollment, escalating fuel costs, and an increasing rate of inflation, among other hardships. From the president's office, Virginia Lester imposed austerity measures and set an ambitious course to regain financial control. One of Lester's bold moves was to pursue a new program for self-motivated adults.

"I was petrified," said Dudley Luck, reflecting on the faculty's final vote to greenlight ADP. The then-assistant professor of education — who would become the program's first director — had led a faculty and staff committee that researched, outlined, and eventually found a federal grant to help launch the new initiative. Yet some resistance remained among her peers. "Pat Menk and Marjorie Chambers, two faculty members, were essential to the vote. Pat stood up and said she thought it was

a really good idea. She garnered enormous respect, and so it was voted in. It was magical."

ADP was initially designed to help provide higher education opportunities for alumnae who had not yet earned their degree. Plans for the program expanded to include all women, and eventually, to also include men. It wasn't long before ADP became a model — both for other colleges and for MBC's own expanding universe of offerings. From the beginning, Luck said, the focus was on students: giving them personalized attention and strong relationships with professors. Lester's vision to broaden the pool of prospective MBC applicants grew in the mid-1980s with the creation of the Program for the Exceptionally Gifted (PEG) for young teenage girls.

Over time, ADP has served thousands of students. While the program has grown, moved into bigger offices, expanded to reach hard-working adults across the Commonwealth, and added online coursework, the guiding ethos remains. Today, administrators work hard to make sure that prospective students hear the message of flexibility and personalization that attracted Diane Babral, and that current students receive the same individual attention from which Cindy Good benefitted.

"People go back to school for personal reasons. They do it for work, they do it to be an example for their children," said Lallon Pond, ADP director and associate dean of the college. "There are so many reasons that people come back to school. That matters to them. And it matters to us."

PERSONAL TOUCH

Virginia Trovato's advisees cover a broad spectrum of ages and lifestyles. Some have children or even grandchildren, have been out of school for many years, and hold down full-time jobs. Some are self-motivated and need very little guidance, while others benefit from gentle encouragement along the way.

Trovato, academic advisor for ADP, spends her days talking to prospective students and reaching out to those already enrolled in the program to make sure their needs are met. The work, she said, is challenging, but rewarding. "I love coming to work because I do feel like we help people. I've worked at other institutions ... where I felt like I had great students, but they would do well no matter where they went to school. I really feel like I'm making a big difference at Mary Baldwin."

BABRAL

HEISHMAN

KENNEDY



"We have happy students,"

said Lallon Pond, director of ADP and assistant dean of the college. "And I think really that is the key. We have students who hear someone complain about the school they attend and they'll say, 'Oh, well at Mary Baldwin, that's not the case at all.' They feel very connected to their regional centers, they feel very connected to their advisors."

POND



97%

senior ADP students who rated the quality of their major as excellent or good

95%

senior ADP students who said they met their goals in the program

93%

senior ADP students who rated the program's quality of instruction as excellent or good

ADP advisor Virginia Trovato (left) counsels about 100 students at any given time.



"Often people who come to ADP do not have a lot of other choices ... because they can't find a program that has a good reputation, is accredited, offers online courses, and is responsive to their needs," Trovato said. "Or they couldn't find an advisor who was willing to sit down with them and tell them what they need to do, what steps they need to take, what classes are going to transfer."

One of Trovato's former advisees, Mary Heishman, graduated in 2013 with a major in American studies and a minor in education. A mother of five, Heishman did not have the spare time to navigate degree requirements on her own.

"The relationship with my advisors and professors was not like it is at any other college," Heishman said. "The small classroom size is what made the relationships extraordinary. With my advisors I knew I could stop by their office at any time or call them and questions were quickly answered."

That personal touch and intense focus on student success is central to Mary Baldwin, and, by design, ADP.

"We put together what we considered a really good model for Mary Baldwin," Luck said, recalling ADP's inception. "To this day, I have never seen a program that focuses so much on its students."

Heishman is now substitute teaching and applying for full-time teaching jobs in the area. Babral, meanwhile, still reaps the benefits of her decision to go back to school. "My degree served me well," she said, recounting her career path: psych nurse, nurse manager, director of nursing, and — after earning her master's degree — nursing instructor. "Earning a bachelor's degree expanded my thinking and knowledge. It was proof of my potential and capabilities."

AS TRADITIONAL AS YOU LIKE IT

Babral's experience in ADP was not unlike that of thousands of "traditional" Mary Baldwin College students who came before her, and it turned out to be a bellwether of the student success that would help carry the program for decades to come.

Similarly, Heishman's undergraduate experience nearly 40 years later was designed to fit her lifestyle, yet it allowed for as much of a traditional college life as she wanted. Although Heishman took some classes online, she loved being on campus — dining in Hunt Hall and studying in Grafton Library — and was known for assisting younger classmates with encouraging words and even opening her home for study sessions.

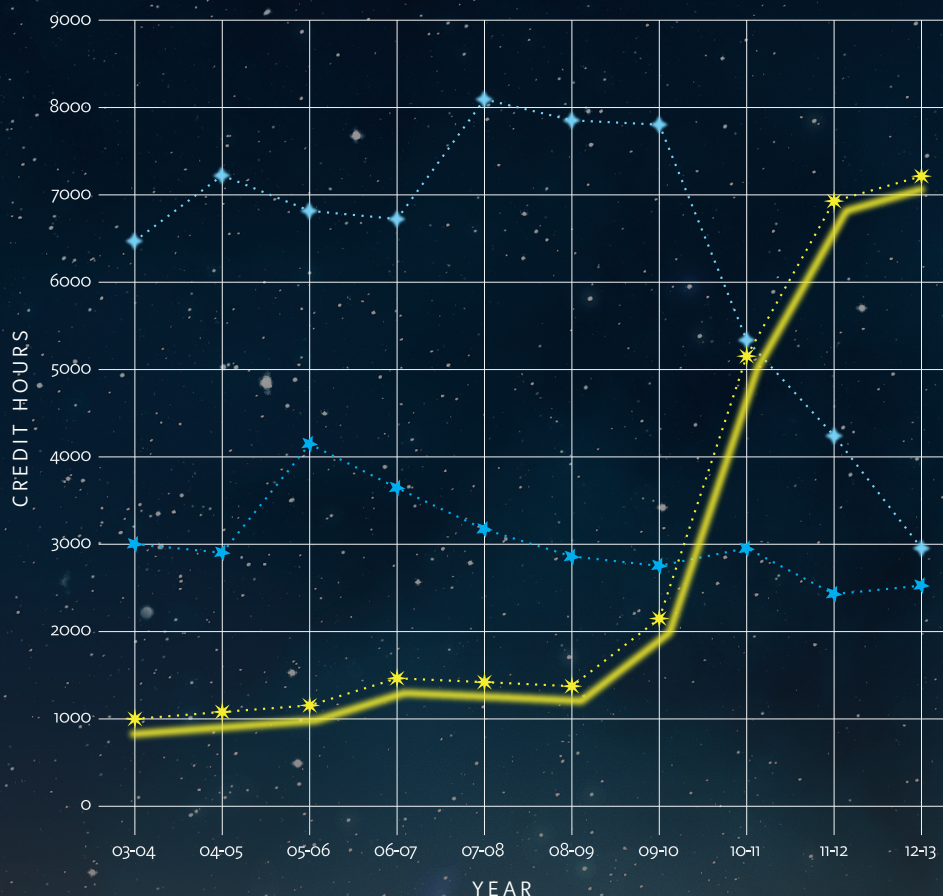
For Dean of the College Catherine O'Connell, who worked with Heishman on her senior project, seeing these interactions "was a joy and an inspiration. Mary helped me see the wonderful synergy across our programs."

Faculty see such positive interactions between Residential College for Women (RCW) and ADP students all the time. While teaching Advanced Fiction Writing online, Professor of English Sarah Kennedy watched as one of her older students with a busy life offered support to her classmates who struggled with the coursework.

"I'm sure given her life situation — a family, a job — there was no way she would be able to be on campus as a traditional student," Kennedy said of the ADP student. "Now, she's looking at graduate school."

Another link between ADP and RCW students is the degree they earn. At the end of their coursework, all graduates in the diverse Mary Baldwin undergraduate programs have one thing


ADP ENROLLED HOURS BY COURSE TYPE



Online Learning on the Rise

Online credit hours have surged in recent years, as compared with more traditional modes of ADP scholarship, according to data collected by MBC's Office of Institutional Research.

- ◆ independent credit hours
- ★ group credit hours
- ★ online credit hours



One of ADP's own, Director of Operations Debby Bibens, earned her bachelor's degree with summa cum laude honors in May.

in common: a diploma from a regionally accredited, non-profit institution. Adult students complete the same requirements as residential students and earn a BA or a BS in one of more than 25 majors. ADP touts this "authentic degree" as unique from other institutions that may only offer an interdisciplinary studies diploma.

'STUDENTS' NEEDS ARE CHANGING'

As Mary Baldwin prepares for an influx of students — both in the RCW and in ADP — who were either born after the introduction of digital technology or who understand and appreciate the value of such technology, a whole new world of learning avenues emerges. One option will be online-only pathways to a bachelor's degree for students who need ease of access to higher education.

Such change is not always easy for faculty members. The transition to teaching adults online was something Kennedy was dreading. About four years ago, she shifted from only working with residential students to teaching online classes for adults. Initially, she was hesitant and skeptical, "a real dinosaur," who didn't believe that online instruction was an effective way to teach. One Renaissance Literature course changed that. Through the technology offered by online learning platform Blackboard, students taking the course were reading and discussing classmates' rough drafts online, Kennedy was grading electronically, and — the biggest surprise of all — students weren't shrinking away from robust discussion, something many educators fear with online learning.

"Nobody can sit in the back of the room and be silent," Kennedy said. "The students are so helpful and supportive of one another. [It helps that] they don't have to decide what they are going to say immediately." Kennedy's leap into online pedagogy was prompted in part by not wanting to be left behind. Looking ahead, she knew that the world was changing and that a traditional classroom setting wasn't necessarily where learning would take place in the future.

"ADP continues to evolve. It is not the program that it was 20 years ago," Pond said. "We have better technology, and we're using that technology in a much more intentional way than in the past. We're not going to do things the way we've always done them. Students' needs are changing."

One thing that has always been in Mary Baldwin College's favor is the ability to adapt to change relatively quickly. This agility has led to the creation of ADP, PEG, the Virginia Women's Institute for Leadership, graduate programs in education and in Shakespeare and Performance, and, most recently, doctoral programs through the Murphy Deming College of Health Sciences. Pond and others believe that Mary Baldwin's tradition of innovation will be the key to the future success of ADP.

For the MBC community, the bottom line is clear — ADP has a strong future because of its solid past. The program will continue to reflect the best qualities that have long existed at Mary Baldwin — the personal touch, the transformative power of education, the ability to be nimble — and these qualities will help the program thrive for years to come.



CLASSACTS

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MESSAGE FROM THE 2014–16 ALUMNAE/I BOARD PRESIDENT

CHRISTY HAWKINS HOWELL '93

During specific moments in life — the “something-th” birthdays, children’s birthdays, and milestone anniversaries — I trust that we have experienced similar reactions: “Have I come this far? Has it been that long?”

Points of reference remind us of what we have accomplished, what we have overcome, and how much we have grown. They also remind us of who we once were when we were nothing but potential and dreams, ready to embark on our future. On May 13, 1993, as I sat on Page Terrace in my cap and gown, I was terrified and heartbroken to be leaving the place I loved so much. But now looking back on that day I see who I have become since my tenure at Mary Baldwin. I see how substantially this place equipped me and how honored I am to be in a position to return the favor.

Mary Baldwin College never leaves us, and she yearns for us never to leave her. The MBC Alumnae/i Association is a vibrant and active group that cherishes this school and seeks to preserve it through challenges and growth opportunities.

Engaging with MBC is simple. Whether you want to return to campus, speak to students, become a part of students’ professional networks, get to know alums in your area, give financially, or serve on the Alumnae/i Association Board of Directors, just reach out to the MBC Alumnae/i and Parent Relations Office (contact information on page 24), and they will either help or put you in contact with someone who can.

This year we celebrate the inaugural class of the Murphy Deming College of Health Sciences. On behalf of MBC alumnae/i, we enthusiastically welcome them into the Mary Baldwin family. We also look forward to welcoming this and all subsequent classes into the growing MBC community.

As I look back “to these halls where Wisdom reckons, to these hills where Beauty dwells” and realize how far I’ve come, I applaud MBC for boldly moving forward.

I encourage you to participate actively in what this institution becomes so you will be able to see the difference you made in the place that made such a difference in you.

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Creating Camp Culture in China

BY DAWN MEDLEY

Some of Amanda Heaton Williams' earliest memories are of exploring amidst the trees and splashing in the creek beneath the summer sun at Camp Alta Mons in southern Virginia, where her father was camp director.

"I couldn't wait to start working at camp as a counselor as soon as I was old enough. Camp was a huge part of our lives," said Williams, a 2012 graduate who worked at several camps in Virginia during her high school and college years and met her future husband while serving as a counselor at Camp Bethel in Fincastle.

Still, she never expected the camp experience to follow her around the globe.

Williams was teaching English at Changchun University of Technology in China in early 2012, just a few months after earning her master of arts in teaching (MAT) from Mary Baldwin, when a member of the Chinese organization Little Angels Action Fund contacted her. Members of the pioneering non-governmental group had just attended an American Camping Association conference and wanted Williams and her husband — who also had a long history of camp involvement and was teaching business at the university — to help create one of the country's first year-round camps.

"The idea of camp was a completely new concept in China; there really wasn't even a word for it in the Chinese language," Williams said. "We thought it would be an amazing experience to be part of the group that shaped their concept of camp and brought it to life."

The couple agreed, and things happened fast after that. In February 2012, they traveled about 500 miles to Beijing to meet the Little Angels board of directors and to brainstorm about the long-term goals of the project. The Williamses spent the next few months developing models, planning for specific sessions, and even consulting on the design of open-concept buildings to inspire creativity for the new

camp, all while continuing to teach. They were back in Beijing with Little Angels leaders in June for further planning, and then they moved to the site of the camp in the seashore resort city of Qinhuangdao. The pair enthusiastically welcomed the first campers on July 27, 2012.

"Seeing those first participants who were willing to take a chance on this project we had poured so much energy into was just indescribable," Williams said. "The next 11 months were a blur of hiring and training Chinese staff members, continuing to refine programs and curriculum, speaking with local and national officials and other educators, and running sessions for more than 3,000 children."

Williams frequently drew on her MBC training during the planning process, often asking her mom to reference books back at home.

"One of the main objectives of our camp was to provide a differentiated learning environment that promoted the development of the whole child," Williams said. "It was during my time in the MAT program that I developed a passion for this philosophy as an ideal approach to education. MBC's program emphasized the importance of helping students achieve their highest potential by supplying them with opportunities to grow as unique individuals in an environment that promotes learning through discovery."

Funded by the Initiate Development for Education and Service (IDEAS) Foundation, the innovative camp is touted as a venue where students "learn without being taught." The project is part of a growing movement to incorporate more experiential, hands-on learning into Chinese education. Chinese elementary and secondary schools are regularly rated among the best in the world academically, but the country's education system is often criticized for not fostering "soft" skills such as team building, self-confidence, and problem solving.

It did not take long for Williams to note how the sharp focus on language skills, science, and math leaves little time for arts, critical



Williams

thinking, and extracurricular activities. More organizations, such as Little Angels Action Fund, are beginning to recognize how camp experiences — even brief ones — can enrich and reinforce learning.

"It's not about teaching the students, it's about creating the experience for the students to learn," her husband said in an interview for China Radio International. "If we want students to practice their creativity ... we might simply say, 'Here is a problem, here is a set of materials. Good luck.'"

Going beyond a traditional summer camp model, the Williamses helped IDEAS create programs for a residential summer camp, day camps, camp workshops, and an international camp for selected youth leaders, as well as training sessions for educators and IDEAS Talk — an ongoing series of forums where educational experts are invited to share their views.

Williams continues to consult with the IDEAS Camp group while back in Virginia working as a first-grade teacher. Her adventure abroad allows her to give her students a global perspective in many of their activities, and she is hoping to work with a first-grade teacher in China to coordinate classroom teleconferencing sessions.

"Amanda's journey since graduation illustrates much about what we strive to accomplish here at MBC," said Jim Harrington, professor of education.

There is a new team of camp leaders working to strengthen core summer programs and expand by establishing camps in other areas of China, and Williams is encouraged by that fact.

"I truly believe that the IDEAS Camp and others like it will revolutionize the Chinese approach to education," she said.



CATCHING UP WITH RYN BRUCE '99

Graphic design mentor. Savvy small business owner. Generous cake baker.

"We live in a fast-paced, fast-food, fast-lane society, and we often forget to slow down and enjoy the people around us. I had become so wrapped up in work that I had forgotten how to do anything else."

Studies and career: After earning my MBC degree in studio art, I worked at the Staunton newspaper, and then returned to MBC as an event planner and fundraiser in the Office of Alumnae/i and Parent Relations. In 2009, I earned an MFA in graphic design from Savannah College of Art and Design. I worked in Washington DC and Norwich, Vermont, before starting my own graphic design shop, Coloryn Studio, in Richmond. I also teach typography as an adjunct professor at Virginia Commonwealth University. But, I felt the pull to get away from my computer and enjoy the world in a tangible, non-technical way. On July 1, 2013, I launched Batter Up and committed to baking a cake every week to deliver to deserving — and unsuspecting — people in the Richmond area. After each delivery, I blog on www.nextbatterup.com about who the recipients are, how they make a difference in the community, and the experience of meeting them. I am completely overwhelmed by the people I have met and the response from the public.

I recently connected with Mary Baldwin College by: Attending the Apple Day happy hour at Blue Bee Cider in Richmond hosted by Alison Kaufmann '07 and Nicole Brenner '07.

The best deal I ever got: My 12-year-old Labrador retriever, Dyer Belle. For that \$150 investment I got more love, happiness, laughs, and kisses than I could have ever asked for.

Go-to reading: I cherish the moments when I can crawl in bed with my newest issue of *Garden and Gun*. And when I allow myself to take several full days off work, you can find me indulging in some sort of spy thriller by Vince Flynn.

The best thing I just learned: If you don't have a candy thermometer, you can tell when sugar is at soft-ball stage using a cup of ice water. Dip a spoon in the sugar and then dip it in cold water. Use your finger to scrape the sugar off the spoon. If it forms into a ball, it's at soft-ball stage. If not, keep cooking.

Course I want to teach at MBC: Personal Innovation: How to Find Your Happy.

What gets you up and going in the morning: A small army and the promise of strong coffee.



Finding Empowerment through Leadership and Service

BY AMANDA MINIX

Marlene Denny Jones '80 is the successful co-owner and manager of a business services consulting company with her husband, Glen, but some of her most fulfilling work is in her community, where her only compensation is knowing that she's lending a helping hand to someone in need.

"My interest in volunteerism really started at Mary Baldwin College when I became involved with student government, various clubs, and the Big Brothers Big Sisters program. I was a Big Sister to a little girl in elementary school. That experience taught me dependability — I knew if I didn't show up, I was disappointing someone who was counting on me," Jones said.

After graduating from MBC, Jones earned a master of business administration from the Keller Graduate School of Management and then spent six years taking care of her mother, who suffered from chronic obstructive pulmonary disease. One summer, Jones taught a GED course

where she worked with a young man who couldn't read or write. "That's why I became involved in education," she said. "That young man helped me realize the full power and importance of knowledge."

Since that encounter, Jones has gravitated toward nonprofit organizations with an educational mission. She also has been active with The Woman's Club of Richmond for the past seven years, an organization that promotes educational opportunities — especially for women — and the arts.

Jones served on the board of The Woman's Club Education Endowment Fund for two years and was elected president in 2011. During her tenure, the board awarded an average of five college scholarships per year to women who demonstrated financial need, academic excellence, and commitment to serving their community. One of the recipients during Jones' presidency was a single mother who wanted to continue her education but lacked the resources to do so.

"What I love about the endowment fund is that it recognizes that women matter. These scholarship funds go to leaders who will inspire other women to give back to their communities," she said.

Jones also lends her fundraising skills to the Up & Atom Women's Leadership Breakfast, an event that solicits contributions to the Science Museum of Virginia in support of science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) education. She co-chaired the event this year and appealed to several hundred guests for support, raising more than \$90,000.

A mentor at heart, Jones helped protect a neglected child as a volunteer for Court Appointed Special Advocates, and she has served as an interviewer for A Better Chance, an organization dedicated to providing young people of color with access to educational opportunities and encouraging them to pursue leadership roles. Jones was one of a small number of African-American students at MBC during the late 1970s and is impressed with the racial and ethnic diversity on campus today.

"It demonstrates that more avenues for higher learning are opening for people, and that is exactly the change we need to see in our society," she said.

Last fall, Jones and her husband traveled to South Africa on a mission trip to support A Deeper Life Campaign, which aimed to motivate



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"What I really love about Mary Baldwin women is that we're willing to ask the tough questions no one else will. We're not only willing to take on leadership roles — we have the confidence and the courage to seek them out. We refuse to sit in a room powerless."

others to achieve deeper fulfillment and promote a brighter future for their community. They visited elementary, middle, and high schools to discuss the importance of staying in school and continuing on a path of lifelong learning. High school graduation rates are very low in South Africa, she explained.

"We were there to stir up a spiritual, emotional, and physical revival to encourage people to take charge of their lives," Jones said. After a radio host heard the Joneses speak at an event, he asked them to share their experiences on his show.

Jones has served her alma mater in a variety of capacities through the years. She still lauds the education she received at Mary Baldwin, as well as the friendships she formed. She and her college suite mates, Elizabeth "Biddie" Labrot Houston '81 and Gertrude "Trudy" Martin Rauch '80, maintain a strong bond, and she has actively volunteered for admissions and fundraising for MBC. In the early 2000s, she helped create the Mary Baldwin Women in Leadership Development program, also known as WILD, to strengthen participants' leadership skills. She also chaired a symposium to encourage interest and involvement in politics among young women.

Jones joined the Advisory Board of Visitors in fall 2013 and will serve the college in a multitude of ways in that position, from promoting its mission to facilitating the Sophomore Mentoring Advisory Resource Team to help students further develop their career interests.

"I appreciate my opportunities at MBC, and I hope students today take advantage of the total experience," she said. "We may not remember every class at Mary Baldwin, but each of them was a stepping stone to where we are today."



CATCHING UP WITH TRACY HINER '12

Food Service Chief. Team Leader. Perpetual Host.

"I love what I do and the team I work with. Those within our group and individuals close to us understand how special our atmosphere is and how we combine high-quality work with the high volume each day. We also know our potential to make a positive difference for the MBC community."

Studies and career: I graduated from MBC through the Adult Degree Program in 2012 with a BA in business. I also earned an associate's degree in culinary arts from Johnson & Wales University and I am certified as a food management professional. I started my career as a cook at the Highland Inn in Monterey, where I discovered my passion for food, and then joined the U.S. Navy for six years as a culinary specialist. I worked at the Inn at Old Virginia in Staunton as food service manager/executive chef and was introduced to college dining at Bridgewater College. I've worked at Mary Baldwin since 2005, starting as executive chef and now as director of food service.

I connect with Mary Baldwin College: Daily through the dining hall and during special events when I have the opportunity to make many people happy through food, service, and personal attention. Recently, I was invited as a guest to the sophomore sit-down dinner. It's always a challenge for me to be on the receiving side of a service I provide for the college, but I'm getting better at it.

The best deal I ever got: Fundamentally, the work ethic instilled and the support provided by my parents. Financially and fundamentally, the educational support from MBC — a gift I seek to repay daily through my work.

The best thing I just learned: My 12-year-old daughter, Anita, earned four As and two Bs on her most recent report card.

Most challenging MBC course: Survey of Western Art. Besides the art of food, having to interpret a piece of art and its meaning was a hard place to take myself, figuratively and literally. Thankfully, it was my last class.

When you say Baldwin, I say: "How many are in your party?"

Favorite thing I own with an MBC logo: My wine glass. A good glass of red makes a great day even better.



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CLASSCOLUMNS

Alumni in all classes are encouraged to post news on their MBC class pages at www.mbc.edu/class, where class secretaries will lead the forum and periodically request updates. (See page 30 for more information.) Notes from the class celebrating its 50th Reunion and members of the Grafton Society will continue to be printed in the magazine, as well as selected photos.

Whether you are a member of the Grafton Society class (those who graduated 50 or more years ago), if your class has a secretary, please continue to submit notes to her when requested. If you have questions about the updated format for classmate news or **how to continue to submit your updates**, please contact the Office of Alumnae/i and Parent Relations.

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1934

JACQUELINE CRINKLEY Maddex celebrated her 100th birthday on September 6.

1945

ANN WHITEHEAD Thomas writes: "Repeating my win in 2010, with a combination of general knowledge, endurance, and luck, I was again champion of Westminster-Canterbury of the Shenandoah Valley's 2013 Senior Olympics. My daughter, Elizabeth Wallace, is the mother of my 3 grandchildren: John and Sarah — who attend Christopher Newport University — and Robert, who is a sophomore at Woodgrove High School in Loudoun County."

1950

BETTY JEAN Gilmer Young writes: "I am being well cared for at a retirement center in Lexington. It is Kendal, a Quaker retirement center, where Philip and I have a house and a cottage on the Cowpasture River. Our 4 children live in VA, MA, MN, and Indonesia. The one in Indonesia, Rebecca, is a minister and teaches in a seminary in Jakarta. The other 3 are married and each has 2 children, whose ages range all the way from a sophomore in college to a 3-year-old, who is adorable, as you might expect. So far, we are in good health and enjoying our lives here."

1951

MARTHA KLINE "MARTY" Chaplin writes: "For old folk, Harvey and I have pretty good health. [We] celebrated our 59th anniversary! I walk about 2 miles a day; he plays golf. I garden with some good help, **PATSY TREVILLIAN Wallenborn '86**. Her Mom was **PATSY BALLOU Trevillian '60**. Best news of all: Mark Jones, husband of our daughter **JANE CHAPLIN Jones '78**, has been battling myeloma for 3 years and is now in remission. We hope they will join us on our yearly vacation in Provence. Jane's daughter, Jesse, will be married this summer. Our son, Pete, his wife, Therese, and their 3 kids are all doing great. Son Timothy is with Google in Pittsburgh. Daughter Megan is a freshman at William & Mary. Son Kevin is in his 2nd year at Thomas Jefferson High School in Fairfax County and is a good musician as well as an outstanding student."

1952

MARGARET KING Stanley writes: "**PATSY MURPHEY Whitman** and I met in San Francisco to attend the world premiere of Tobias Picker's new opera, *Delores Claiborne*. We are both long-time opera lovers, having attended the "old" Met together for *Madame Butterfly* in 1949 while at Mary Baldwin. We hope to meet again at the Glimmerglass Festival this summer for more opera and talk of times past." **PATSY MURPHEY Whitman**

writes: "I continue to exhibit professional artists at PMW Gallery (for more than 30 years). I continue to live in my Greek revival home in Stamford CT, where I have lived happily for 52 years. My 3 sons have given me 7 grandchildren: 6 girls and a boy, all living very close and happily in Greenwich CT. I cherish the 2 years I spent at Mary Baldwin."

1953

WEBER STONER Taylor writes: "I become more and more grateful that little tiny MBC in the 1950s allowed me to have personal relationships with my professors and the staff. All you girls already know I love you, each and every one of you. We were so blessed not to have little, black communication systems in our hands. There was so much time for uninterrupted thoughts, feelings, and appreciation of God's environment. These grandchildren, and, yes, great-grandchildren are missing that. How does one develop humanity without humanity? If MBC knows how, I would like to return."

1958

MARTHA THULIN "M.T." Leynes-Selbert writes: "I am married and still living on a little farm with 3 cats, 3 dogs, and 2 horses. I love being a caretaker, especially of the 2 mares that I ride around the place once in a while. My 3

children are all doing well, and 2 of them live nearby with 2 each of my 5 grandchildren. One son lives in NJ with his wife and the other grandchild. I'm active at church — it's Pentecostal, where Jesus is exalted and His Holy Spirit moves. Never knew what I was missing as a child in Presbyterian church." **JUDY GALLUP Armstrong** writes: "I have become a referral agent after 36 years as a full-time real estate broker." **SHAWN BROWN Thompson '83** hosted a girls' night out in Oklahoma on September 10 with **LOLLY CATCHING Anderson '71** and **JOYCE APPLETON Hickey '58**.

1959

LOUISA JONES Painter writes: "I am happily living in the Sunnyside Retirement Community in Harrisonburg with Bill. We have a grandson who turned 3 on Dec. 22. I keep busy as a hospice volunteer, playing dulcimer in the Terrace at Sunnyside (our Alzheimer's unit), and taking life long learning classes at James Madison University (to keep current). Life is good." A group of alumnae gathered at Ciao Bella in Memphis on Nov. 13: **BEVERLY MATTHEWS Williams '59**, **BARBARA JOHNSTON Ogles '68**, **DIANE HILLYER Copley '68**, **IVY KOSTER '67**, **MARY COCKE Read '92**, **LUCIE MAY Thompson '73**, **KATHERINE BROWN '92**, and **KAREN MATTHEWS Winchester '79**.

1960

Send your class notes to:

Sally Squires Erickson

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BETTY ENGLE Stoddard '60 writes:

"In early October the Engle family reunion — 19 of us — gathered at The Pines in Davidson NC. 4 MBC classes were represented. First cousins (and 2 pairs of sisters):

ANN KENNEDY Melton '57, BETTY ENGLE Stoddard '60, PEGGY ENGLE Trumbo '63, and BEKAH KENNEDY Caruso '60. Our mutual grandfather

was S.M. Engle, graduate of Hampden-Sydney College and Union Theological Seminary. We visited with **IVA ZEILER Lucas '62.** One evening, Ava Spencer,

President Sam Spencer's widow, was nearby in The Pines' dining room. **MERYL RICHARDSON Nolan** writes: "Fall 2012 found Gil and me on a river cruise from Moscow to St. Petersburg. In spring 2013, we celebrated our 50th wedding anniversary in Chevy Chase.

DORIS ROHNER Rogers was in attendance. In July, I turned 75 as I am sure many of my classmates did. We attended our son's 50th surprise birthday in Bermuda and celebrated my birthday a few days later. Recently I had rotator cuff surgery but I am getting better with PT 3 times a week. We are looking forward to grandparents' day at our grandchildren's schools just before Thanksgiving." **BARBARA JUDD Booth** writes: "I'm still living on the Mendocino Coast of CA. Life is about as quiet and serene as it can get here. We have a couple of seaside vacation rentals on our property that keep me busy. I have a daughter and son-in-law who live in Scottsdale AZ, and a couple of grown grandchildren. I've been married to my husband, Ben, for 30 years. He keeps occupied with area real estate after retiring from a 26-year career in the Army. I'd love to hear from some of our classmates. Living where we do I'm afraid I never run into anyone. Although it's an absolutely beautiful part of the country, I'm afraid it's quite remote by most standards." **SALLY ARMSTRONG Bingley** writes: "In spring 2013, my husband, Chuck, and I took a 50-day cruise from Beijing to Dubai. It was a fabulous trip, and we really enjoyed our time in the Middle East."

SARA "SALLY" SQUIRES Erickson writes: "What a wonderful response from

my classmates for the summer 2014 magazine. The Class of 1960 has not been heard from in this manner for years. As class secretary, I am quite pleased to hear from so many. This is definitely the way to handle communication. I, too, have been traveling. Dick and I just returned from a wonderful trip to South America. We flew to Buenos Aires and then sailed from Ushuaia around Cape Horn. It was the experience of a lifetime. Our trip ended in Santiago, Chile. The first day of our trip I discovered 1 of our group, **BETSY NOTTINGHAM Mendelson '64**, from Newburyport MA is an MBC grad planning to celebrate her 60th Reunion in 2014. Our grandson from Australia has been living with us this year. He is attending JMU, and we are enjoying having "young blood" around. It is an adjustment for us all, but we are having great fun. Our daughter and her family have plans to return to the United States at the end of next year. They have already purchased a home in Richmond."

1961

Send your class notes to:

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ELIZABETH "BETTE" ALLAN Collins

writes: "My son became the father of twins in June — a little girl and a little boy. How cool is that? And I am so blessed to have them living in the same town. I am having so much fun helping with them. Just wish I were younger. Planning a trip with another grandchild to Italy with the Road Scholar program this coming June." **CORNELIA JENKINS Ward** writes: "I've been in Sedona and married to Tom for 25 years. We've slowed down so my favorite activity that I've done for several years now is Great Decisions. It is a national group that meets to discuss world situations. Sedona is full of people from all walks of life who have worked all over the world and have so much to offer. I call it "great discussions" because we don't actually make decisions. I'm going home to Mobile soon and am hoping to call **CAROL STONE Stickney** in Fairhope AL. I haven't been a good communicator but I send happy thoughts to everyone."

BARBARA WOODHAM Sims writes: "Hello



CATCHING UP WITH SUZANNA FIELDS '97

Professional artist and wordsmith. Experienced risk taker. Curious mind.

"I had eureka moments in Marlena Hobson's modern art class. She graded me fiercely when she knew I was playing it safe with my essays. I loved her for calling me on that. Experiences like that convinced me that graduate school was in my future."

Studies and career: I earned a bachelor of arts in English and in studio art, with an emphasis in drawing, and I earned a master of fine arts in painting from Virginia Commonwealth University in 2001. I had known I would pursue an English degree — art was a fantastic surprise. First, I discovered art history and needed a studio course for an art history major. I was terrified. I was on scholarship and thought, "here goes my GPA and my pride." The first day of basic drawing class, I was stunned to discover that I could draw. It was a decisive moment that utterly changed my life. I have been making art ever since, and it's the most challenging and rewarding experience.

I recently connected with Mary Baldwin College by: Visiting campus last year for a lecture by Aurora Robson, MBC's 2012–13 Doenges Visiting Artist/Scholar. I followed the class blog and was jealous that I couldn't be in the course, transforming all those recycled objects into fantastical things.

The best deal I ever got: A painting from artist Diego Sanchez, who had a show in Hunt Gallery during my senior year. I liked his work and asked him many questions. Later, he told my professors that he wanted to give me a painting because he appreciated how I engaged with his work. I thought I had won the lottery. Diego and I are still friends — not a bad deal for asking a few enthusiastic questions.

My MBC education helps me: Understand the continued value of curiosity about new ideas and other disciplines.

Go-to reading: Stuart O'Nan novels like *Last Night at the Lobster*. In art theory, I'm working on Howard Risatti's *A Theory of Craft* and recommend Joe Fig's *Inside the Painter's Studio*.

The best thing I just learned: My mom taught me how to make her famous pickled dilly beans. Delicious!

Most challenging MBC course: Paul Ryan's art theory course blew my mind as a senior. I was grateful to have spent time in my undergrad studies discussing not just the "how" of art, but also the "why" before graduate school.

to the Class of '61. I continue as a state representative here in GA. I have been serving in the House for 8 years and have enjoyed the interesting politics of our state. I am proud that we are required to maintain a balanced budget every year. Have 4 wonderful grandchildren — 3 girls and 1 young man. Oldest grandchildren both attend the University of Georgia. The younger girls are in 9th grade and 6th grade. Continue to enjoy vacationing at the Isle of Palms SC, so if anyone is in the area I would love to know and have a visit. My husband, Fred, died 4 years ago while we were at the beach. He had suffered with congestive heart failure for several years." **SUZANNE BURCH** writes: "I still have my business working with visually impaired adults. In March 2014, I will be celebrating my 10th year of being my own boss. I love it. We are very excited in the Charlottesville area to start an alumnae lunch group. It was so nice to see people I have not seen for years, and we are looking for a much bigger group in the future. My older granddaughter is now 13 and wants to come to Mary Baldwin in due time. Whitney loves history and genealogy. Anna is into soccer. Delightful." **CAROL STONE Stickney** shared in September: "I really did have a ball in NY. My son, Frank, and his wife, Maggie, and my precious little Evelyn moved in with me a couple of years ago. They wanted to move from Brooklyn to raise her — I had been

living in this house that started off as a duplex although family before us had opened it up into a single-family home — and told them that if they wanted to move here and regroup they were welcome to do so. Both Frank and Maggie have started their own businesses; he's a computer IT person and Maggie has opened a fun online business. I have kept up a bit with classmates **MARY BRUCE "BRUCIE" WOODS Moore**, **ANN PONDER Boyd**, and **CORNELIA JENKINS Ward** since the Reunion correspondence and through Facebook with **MARY SHARP SWAYZE** and **ELIZABETH LASSETER "BETSY" Clark**." **CYNTHIA HUNDLEY "KAY" Fisher** writes: "I have continued to travel ... had 3 interesting weeks in Indonesia, but it was 103 [degrees] daily. Even [locals] were shocked. The Amandari in Bali helped make our moods brighter just before we flew home. It is 2 full days in the air, so it's not for those who don't like long trips. Right now, I'm on a delightful riverboat cruise from Paris to the Riviera. We loved Avignon and Arles, full of Roman ruins. Provence is magical, as always. Since French Impressionism was born here, we've been studying the works of Van Gogh, Manet, Monet, Sisley, Vlaminck, Chagall ... shops are full of copies on everything from teacups to placemats. Things have changed greatly over the years with so many tourists. The French people are charming and happy to see Americans. I'm still hoping

MBC will let us have a Reunion sooner than later. The difference in 65 and 75 is pretty hard on some with whom I stay in touch. My closest friends here in Little Rock are MBC girls: **MARY CLARE DOWELL Brierly**, **ANN PORTER PRICE Clark**, **HELEN RASPBERRY Benton '62**, and **MARY ELDRIDGE Berry '62**. Another two MBC ladies live in the same River Market Tower where I live, including the owner's wife. Aren't we all lucky?" Good news from me, **PATRICIA LIEBERT "PATTY" Riddick**: As class secretary, I am excited that the college has developed a new online forum for alumni communication. This format will mean our updates will be much more current, and we will be able to comment on each other's news. I'm eager for you all to get involved, so visit www.mbc.edu/class soon!"

1962

FRANCES WENTZ Taber writes: "I lost my husband, Robert Weiss "Bo" Taber, September 2012, and my son, Francis Boll Gibbs, in May 2013. Great joys fill my life with steady stream of out-of-town caring and comforting visitors, my remarkable daughter, Elizabeth, and supporting friends in Tallahassee. Many warm wishes to my classmates of 1962."

50TH REUNION

1964

ALICE FARRIOR Butler writes: "I am still in Portsmouth, same house, same husband, same children, and same job doing computer training but now with my own company and working part time. Paul is teaching part time. We are retired with a little "r." Children are in Virginia Beach and Raleigh. Daughter in Raleigh has 2 girls. Our trip this year is to the Czech Republic and Germany. Hope all is well at MBC." **CAROLYN SMITH Abbiit** was honored in February by the Virginia Center for Inclusive Communities, Peninsula Chapter, for her service to the city of Newport News. Her nomination letter reads: "She has lived a life dedicated to improving our community with acts of public service and philanthropy. She serves on numerous boards for organizations such as the Red Cross and the Virginia Living Museum. She works directly to serve individuals in need through Meals on Wheels. As a mother of five children and grandmother, she actively participated in PTA and numerous school and academic programs. She has served her church, St. Andrew's, with the same devotion and service. She is the co-founder of the Peninsula School for Autism, which provides unprecedented opportunities to families and children suffering from autism."

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Ingrid Erickson Vax '89

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Cynthia Luck Haw '79



ARRIVALS

JENNIFER WILKINSON Taylor '95 and John: a son, Evan Thomas, July 4, 2012
 MARY MORRISON Alberg '95 and Ian: a daughter, Madeline Hardy, July 17, 2013
 ERIN TANNER Laster '05 and Conley: a son, Sawyer Leo Ellis, March 26, 2013
 ERIN BERNACHE Alberts '99 and Kirk: a daughter, Pippa Elise, September 20, 2013
 MYKAEL OUTEN-Kurth '12 and Christopher: a son, Jameson Lee, December 17, 2013

MARRIAGES

CARRIE "LOGAN" DILL '11 to Chris Zeigler, May 26, 2013
 ALICE DEES '10 to James Leenhouts, March 26, 2011
 DEIDRE HINER '09 to Ryan Jones, October 14, 2012
 STERLING SHELLEY '09 to John DeRusso, May 1, 2013
 ELIZABETH "CASBY" STAINBACK '09 to Kent Stahlman, May 28, 2011

DEATHS

RUTH EDMUNDS Shepherd '33, September 14, 2013
 DOROTHY COHEN Silverman '38, July 27, 2013
 REBECCA SCOTT Harris '40, September 2, 2013
 JANE RAUDENBUSH Coiner '41, September 23, 2013
 ELIZABETH LEMAN Dunson '42, October 3, 2012
 JANE COHRON Godfrey '43, October 30, 2013
 PAULA PARTRIDGE Willetts '44, August 3, 2013
 MARIE DOWD Latimer '45, September 25, 2013
 BURNEY HAY Gardner '47, December 2, 2013
 MARIAN SEITZ Plitt '47, November 26, 2013
 VIRGINIA ALBERTSON Hanks '48, September 2, 2013
 MARTHA GODWIN Saunders '48, November 22, 2013
 MARTHA HOBSON Crowder '49, July 20, 2013
 SHIRLEY SUNDERMAN Kostik '49, October 18, 2013
 MOUPHIDA HASSEN Dakour '50, January 19, 2013
 MARILYN SIMPSON Williams '50, October 20, 2013
 HARRIET VREELAND Reynen '50, August 10, 2013
 CONSTANCE DETRICK Willigan '52, September 8, 2013
 BETTY JEAN RALSTON Cook '53, August 19, 2013
 RAE RADER Smith '55, September 29, 2010
 JOANNE DARNELL '57, September 5, 2013
 ELIZABETH ROBSON Cooney '58, September 29, 2013
 MARY HUDGINS Thomas '60, August 27, 2013
 LINDA MAYES Nelson '61, August 13, 2013
 MARY WHITINGER Turner '63, October 3, 2013
 MARGARET RICHIE Villette '69, August 9, 2013
 ALTA NOBLES '79, September 15, 2013
 NATALIE NICOLL Shoebridge '81, August 23, 2013
 ANNA BELLE Jackson '84, September 20, 2013
 LISA LEACH Baldwin '83, November 11, 2013
 LIA CERMINARA '85, September 13, 2013
 ELIZABETH FERRIER, current student, August 8, 2013
 ROBIN SPARKS a k a DREAM D'AVANZO, ADP student, July 10, 2013

OUR CONDOLENCES

to members of the community who lost loved ones

NANCY COHEN Locher '50, on the passing of her sister, DOROTHY COHEN Silverman '38, July 27, 2013.
 SARA ARMSTRONG "SALLY" Bingley '60, on the passing of her sister, Beverly Armstrong McLaughlin, October 5, 2013.
 MARY HUDGINS Thomas '60, on the passing of her husband, William Thomas, August 19, 2013.
 NANCY KLAUDER Hall '61, on the passing of her daughter, Shelby Hall Lawlor, March 13, 2013.
 ELIZABETH DUNSON Cherry '67 and ANNA DUNSON Pressly '69 on the passing of their mother, ELIZABETH LEMAN Dunson '42, October 3, 2012.
 NANCY COMBITHS Rogers '69, on the passing of her mother, Mary Eskridge Combiths, October 9, 2012.
 MARTHA GATES MAWSON '78, on the passing of her mother, Caroline Murray Gates, November 14, 2013.
 CAROLINE SAVAGE '82, on the passing of her mother, Malvina Hancock Savage, August 14, 2013.
 LEIGH YATES Farmer '74, on the passing of her mother, Mary Stewart Yates, October 14, 2013.
 DAIL WILLIS '75, on the passing of her father, Letcher Hardeman Willis, February 19, 2013.
 JENNIFER SOUTHERS Frank '95, on the passing of her father, William James Southers, October 18, 2013.
 JAMIE ROOT '04, on the passing of her mother, Robbin Hiner, March 4, 2013.
 JAMES D. LOTT, former dean of the college, on the passing of his wife, and WILLIAM LOTT '97 on the passing of his mother, Pamela L. Lott, December 2, 2013.
 EDWARD SCOTT, associate professor of philosophy, and ANDREA CORNETT-SCOTT, associate vice president for inclusive excellence, on the passing of their daughter, Naima Amanda Scott-Brunson.
 The family of WILLIAM STEWART JOHNSON, a former member of the Advisory Board of Visitors of Mary Baldwin College, who passed away August 21, 2013.
 The family of DOUGLAS LUDEMAN, former member of the Mary Baldwin Board of Trustees, September 17, 2013.
 The family of SAMUEL R. SPENCER JR., fifth president of Mary Baldwin College, October 16, 2013.
 The family of DOUGLAS S. WOUNDY, former adjunct associate professor of business administration, who passed away September 16, 2012.
 The family of DAVID L. KOONTZ, associate director of the Office of Information Technology, who passed away November 6, 2013.
 The family of WILLIAM D. HINKLE, a 28-year employee of Mary Baldwin, who passed away December 6, 2013.
 The family of JOHN ANTONELLI, Staunton Military Academy alumnus, who passed away November 27, 2013.
 The family of TIMOTHY RAY "BURT" KENNEDY, MBC groundskeeper, who passed away April 14, 2014.



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May 28, 2011, wedding of **ELIZABETH STAINBACK "CASBY" Stahlman '09** to Kent Stahlman. The Baldwin girls present were (l to r): **COURTNEY MARTIN Jackson '00**, **AMANDA WOOD Martin '09**, **STERLING SHELLEY DeRusso '09**, **ASHLEY COLEMAN Carter '09**, the bride, **SARAH WISECUP '09**, **HANNAH VARGASON '09**, **SARAH TYNDALL '09**, **ABBY TURNER '09**, and **CATHERINE KAMMER '09**.



Wedding of **MOLLY ELIZABETH SMITH '09**, third from left, to Jason Slaydon on November 10, 2012. Bridesmaids (from l to r) **AMY POLOWICHAK '09**, **RENEE VANDEVANDER '09**, **DEIDRE HINER Jones '09** (second from right), and **SHANNEN LUCHS '09** (far right).



May 1, 2013, wedding of **STERLING SHELLEY DeRusso '09** to John DeRusso. The Baldwin girls present were (l to r): **ANNA LAUTH '09**, **MARGARET BIVANS '10**, **CATHERINE KAMMER '09**, **SARAH TYNDALL '09**, the bride, **ALANNA BRAGG '09**, **ELIZABETH STAINBACK "CASBY" Stahlman '09**, and **HANNAH VARGASON '09**.



ASHLEY LUMBARD '06, **KARI FRANZ '06**, and **HEATHER "HAWKS" MARKS '06** got together for a MBC girls weekend, August 23–26, 2013, at Virginia Beach.



(l to r): **JENNY HOLSHEY '10**, **MARIA SOUKUP '10**, **ROBYN STEGMAN '09**, bride **LOGAN DILL Zeigler '11**, and **MEGHAN CUMMINS Nelson '10** at Zeigler's wedding on campus in May 2013.



Recipients of the 2014 Reunion awards are (from l to r): **MICHELLE "CHELLE" JACKSON '89**, **PHYLLIS SHORT Marcom '64**, **JANE TOWNES '69**, **ANNE WARREN Hoskins '64**, **INGRID ERIKSON Vax '89**, **CYNTHIA LUCK Haw '79**, and **CLAIRE LEWIS "YUM" Arnold '69**.

BETWEEN THE LINES: LAUREL CATCHING "LOLLY" ANDERSON '71

AN OCCASIONAL FEATURE HIGHLIGHTING ALUMNI AUTHORS

Vermeer's Lady in Waiting by Lolly Catching Anderson '71 follows the adventures of a development officer for the National Gallery of Art, Millicent Clermont, who discovers her mentor's favorite painting may be among the artwork the Nazis looted during Hitler's regime. After someone leaks this information to the media, she and her mentor are hit with a lawsuit. Soon, Millicent is racing to save much more than her career. The novel was a finalist for the 2013 Oklahoma Book Award. Anderson lives in Lake Aluma, Oklahoma, with her husband, Mike, and their dog, Aussie. Visit her website www.lollyanderson.net and enjoy this excerpt.



How long I was asleep I do not know. But the dream I had burned into my brain. A Nazi general was slapping his gloves against his hand, strutting through a beautiful apartment filled with art. "The Fuehrer will be pleased," he said. Then a young, blond officer appeared in the elegant living room and pointed to a painting on the wall. Lee's painting. "This is the best one of all!" The general ordered his aide to take the painting down and deliver it to the Jeu de Paume. The aide's arm became a flying oar as he saluted, "Heil, Hitler!" As the aide turned to go, the general shot him. His blond hair



fell into his eyes as he tumbled to the floor. The general grabbed the painting, Lee's painting, and cut the canvas out of its frame. He rolled it up and jammed it into his jacket. With his black, shiny boots clicking, he strolled out of the grand home.

I woke up in a sweat. What a strange dream. What a vivid dream. I looked up at the Dutch painting and rushed out of the library.

The next morning Lee and I hardly spoke as I left Whittington, digging a huge hole in my heart. I turned north onto Route 17 with a dozen questions, steps

in quicksand, pulling me into a mire. Had the Trevors known that Nazis had stolen the painting? Not Lee. What if Lee had to give up her favorite painting? If she did give it up, how would she be compensated? Good deeds all of a sudden became completely theoretical. Did Richard Green, the art dealer and supposed friend of the Trevors, know it was stolen art? And a lawsuit? That would cost Lee thousands of dollars.

This woman's approval was like oxygen to me. Losing her love would be the worst thing that could ever happen.



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SHARE ON CLASSACTS FORUM

Keeping up with your classmates is easier than ever with the Class Acts Forum, an online community dedicated to alumni. Thanks to an engaged group of Mary Baldwin alums, the new forum has thrived since its launch in the fall. The website allows alumni to post current events and fun photos — including babies, marriages, new jobs, travel — through their class secretaries and college staff. The site clearly organizes posts by date, class year, and category and gives users a chance to interact in real time. When you see a new post, be sure to add a comment to let your friends know what you're up to.

HERE'S HOW IT WORKS:

The screenshot shows the Class Acts forum website on a desktop browser. The browser address bar shows www.mbc.edu/class/. The website has a navigation bar with links: Home | Reunion | Alumnae/i Office | Giving | Ever Ahead Campaign | Boldly Baldwin magazine | MBC News. The main header features the "CLASSACTS" logo and a search bar with the placeholder text "Type your keywords...". Below the header is a category bar with options: Grafton Society, 60s, 70s, 80s, 90s, 00s, 10s, and Additional Categories. A large photo of a group of people is displayed. Below the photo, the post title "Domaliski-Parker Wedding" is shown, along with the date "10 MAR 2014" and the author "by acine". The post text reads: "July 6, 2013, Wedding of GRETCHEN LOUISE DOMALESKI '11 to Clayton Parker, a 2011 graduate of Hampden Sydney College. SARA DUFFY '10 served as Maid of Honor, with fellow Baldwin bridesmaids KATHERINE HAWALD '11 and NAJANKA RIGAUD '11. Also present from Mary Baldwin were: VELMA CARMAN Bryant '04, PATRICE JONES '08, SAMANTHA SIPE '08, ERIN WALL Singleton '10, MELISSA ELSEY '11, ANA ESPINOZA '11, JOSSELYN GLEASON '11, KARA JENKINS '11, MEGAN PITTS '11, AIMEE SANFORD '11, ANNA PEREZ '12, and DARYN CASIN '14. Clay is the son of Karen Parker, former Director of Leadership Development for VWIL. We now reside in Orlando FL, where I am the Executive Assistant and Special Projects Coordinator for Wayne Elsey Enterprises." Below the text is a "Continue Reading" link. At the bottom, there is an "About the Author" section for Angela Cline, office manager for the Mary Baldwin College Office of Alumnae/i and Parent Relations and Advisor to the STARS (Student Alumnae/i Relations Society). Social media sharing icons for Facebook, Twitter, Google+, LinkedIn, and others are at the bottom right.

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Bringing out the Best in All of Us

It is not easy taking on a new job at an age when most people are planning for their retirement. And it wasn't easy starting college at 45 with a well-established career, a husband, and three children.

I have always been a hard worker, so the notion of balancing family, work, and then school was not the challenge. What I needed was the courage and confidence to reach for a dream. Before I enrolled at MBC, I had some measure of inner determination, resilience — and yes, courage — that told me I could do it; my time in the Adult Degree Program (ADP) proved I could.

Both the experience of going to college as an adult and the degree I earned have given me the confidence to set my goals even higher, such as taking on more challenging roles at work. It even led me to change careers and accept a new position as chief information officer for the Federal Reserve System last year.

When I decided to go to college, I was already doing graduate-level work at Dominion; I didn't need a college degree for my job. I needed it for me. I remember clearly the moment I decided to go back to school. My brother Chris and I were sitting in the back seat of my parents' car talking about life. I told him I thought my Dad's biggest regret was that I had not had the opportunity to go to college. My brother asked "why not?" I replied that it would take me several years. He looked at me and said "so what else are you planning for the next few years?"

Thankfully, my husband cooked, joined the PTA, and pitched in whenever he could. Each member of my family stepped in to help make my path a smooth one, offering moral support along the way. And thankfully, advisors and professors in the Adult Degree Program provided a strong network of encouragement. Mary Baldwin is a special place because of the individual commitment to each and every student.

I'm also glad that I chose this very special, women-centered place to pursue my goal. In a women's studies class, I learned what qualities women bring to leadership, which was fascinating coming from a family with four brothers. At MBC I also learned that the mark of a good leader is to be authentic. You don't need to be like anyone else to succeed.

I used to run a lot and when you cross the finish line of a half marathon there is something that happens within you. This feeling of "I did it." You have trained, worked really hard, and you have visualized the goal. But in that moment, when you cross the finish line, a part of you changes because you actually did it. When I went to orientation at Mary Baldwin, I visualized reaching out and grabbing that diploma. My ADP class had many women who worked hard and made sacrifices to "cross the graduation finish line." Watching them changed my perspective; I wanted to give back to other women. That's one reason I still mentor young women today.

Every journey in your life, every decision you make, every opportunity you have makes you grow as a person. During my Mary

Baldwin experience I went through a significant growth spurt. You don't change your values; you grow in who you are. You become a better person, a better volunteer, a better executive.

The same applies to Mary Baldwin College. We need to move forward, be mindful of the way the world is changing and the way education is delivered, and understand the value MBC can create and the market that it serves best. I think that MBC is poised to continue her legacy of helping people of all ages and aspirations to grow and become their authentic selves. To do that in the changing landscape of higher education, we all have to

work together. Getting there might not be easy, but the results are worth the effort.

Just as ADP helped bring out the best in me, I see that it helps bring out the best in Mary Baldwin College. The promise of a transformational education, delivered through a highly personal experience, is fulfilled in our graduates across the constellation of MBC programs. When we leave this place, our lives are changed. We leave with a sense that we made important, personal connections to last a lifetime. I see it in the faces at each Commencement — the smiles from the students in the Residential College for Women, the jubilant cheers from graduate scholars, the look of accomplishment of ADP students, and the proud faces of every person in the Mary Baldwin community, faculty, staff, and trustees. Every graduate has a story. And what Mary Baldwin does is give that story a happy ending.



Lyn McDermid, chief information officer for the Federal Reserve, is a 1995 graduate of MBC through the Adult Degree Program, completing most of her classes at MBC's Richmond center. In July, she will step down as chair of the college's Board of Trustees, a position she has held since 2009.

HAITI 2014

A Foundation for Relief

The Mary Baldwin College community read and watched. Faculty, staff, and students traveled and reflected. And learned. Now people from across disciplines are planning a coordinated assistance effort with local organizations to pool resources and effect change in Haiti, which is still reeling from a catastrophic earthquake in January 2010.

"I've talked to many people — and now I understand it myself — there is this feeling once you go to Haiti that you don't really come back. Part of you is still there, thinking about the people and what you can do next time," said Associate Professor of Communication Bruce Dorries, who was part of an MBC group that traveled to Cherident for Spring Break 2014.

In addition to MBC students, faculty, and staff from leadership studies, communication, social work, and physical therapy, the network currently includes several area churches, Waynesboro-based solar energy company Sigora Solar, retired local priest Father Roger Bowen, the Augusta Lions Club, and the Haitian Education Foundation in Arkansas. Dorries hopes the group will soon expand to include more churches that have connections with Haiti and Blue Ridge Community College, which boasts a strong relationship with that country.

The Mary Baldwin group also hopes to put together an event in fall 2014 that would convene local organizations and individuals to share what they have learned about working in Haiti and how to better coordinate efforts and support each other. With service-learning trips already planned for undergraduates in May Term 2015, for Adult Degree Program and Graduate Teacher Education students during Summer Week 2015, and for physical therapy students from Murphy Deming College of Health Sciences in summer 2016, MBC is committed to a long-term relationship with the country.







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