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Back cover: When we say #MBUfamily we mean it. It was not unusual to see children of MBU employees on campus this year to help recruit and welcome the largest freshman class. (see story on p. 20) Credit: Rebekah Budnikas

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FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK

OUR BIG YEAR

Last year my executive conference room in the Administration Building was transformed. Gone were the usual walnut meeting table, sideboard, and large filing cabinets. In their place appeared a spartan folding table, white boards, and massive paper calendars. Tapestries of admissions materials were taped floor-to-ceiling on the walls. And a small army of dedicated administrators and staff left their individual offices and worked face-to-face in real time, determined to overcome Mary Baldwin's most challenging enrollment cycle in memory.

But we also knew that it wasn't just the room that had to change. So, we stripped away old methods and assumptions, threw out the playbook, and started afresh. Central command, as it became known, was the launching point for most campus activity for the next six months — every day we brainstormed, questioned existing procedures, saw MBU's offerings with fresh eyes, and collaborated across departments more directly and efficiently.

The goal was 300 new first-year students for the fall. Failure was not an option.

Mary Baldwin has recently had several "big years." Murphy Deming College of Health Sciences was founded in 2014 after several years of intensive planning. We became a university and celebrated our 175th anniversary in 2016. In 2017, we welcomed our first residential men to campus, and rolled out new programming, under a new dedicated dean, to bring even more transformative opportunities for students in the Mary Baldwin College for Women. We continue to create innovative academic offerings that prepare our students for a changing world.

Milestones like this require hard work. They reflect the rapid pace of change in higher education, and demonstrate our ability to anticipate and respond to challenges.

As the weeks passed this spring, we began to see positive results: record-breaking application numbers, hundreds of prospective students signing up for visit days, national media hits, increased social media engagement, and the largest donation in our history — \$25 million — thanks to Mrs. Bertie Murphy Deming Smith. These good signs fueled our energy to continue working hard across campus.

2017–18 was yet another big year, but it stands apart because of this one difference: we truly changed the way we work together. And that effort is now informing the way we approach all aspects of life at MBU — fundraising, student retention, MBU Online, safety and security, dining services, athletics, alumni relations, and more.

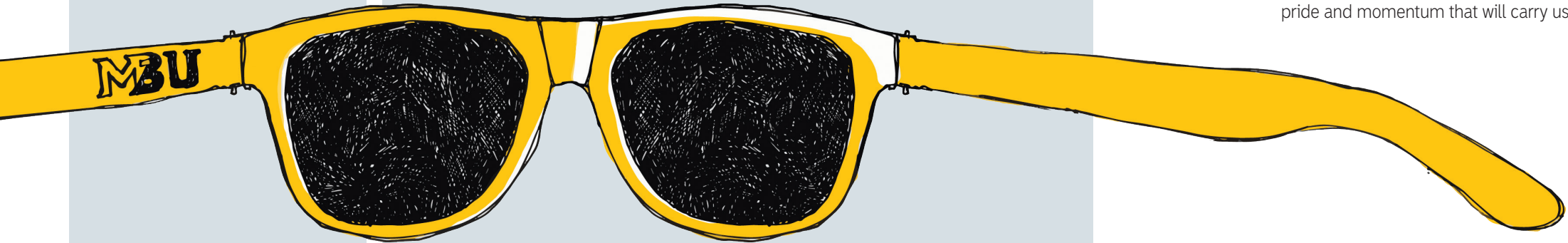
As of May 1, which is National Deposit Day, 336 prospective students had made their deposits to MBU, comfortably beyond our goal. Today we stand at more than 400 deposits, getting ready to welcome our largest class in history. As I reflect on the past year, I realize the work and results have given each of us in the #MBUfamily a renewed sense of pride and momentum that will carry us successfully into the future.



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Pamela Fox

Pamela R. Fox
President



FUELING THE FUTURE

Belief. Heart. Vibrant spirit. New spaces and pathways that meet the changing needs of all students. This is fuel for the future.

Even for a university that has never stood still, Mary Baldwin University is having a moment. With renewed excitement and energy, MBU today is powering new ideas and collaboration with a respect for yesterday, a focus on today, and an eye on tomorrow.

BELIEF



A VISIONARY ADVOCATE

Bertie Murphy Deming Smith '46 gives with devotion, with wisdom, and with a powerful faith in the future of Mary Baldwin University. Her most recent legacy gift of \$25 million is the largest in the university's history.

At an announcement ceremony in April, MBU President Pamela R. Fox paid tribute to Mrs. Smith as "a visionary advocate whose leadership and philanthropy have, over and over again, nourished our mission and turned aspirations into reality."

Mrs. Smith has been MBU's top donor for more than 50 years. Her \$15 million lead gift in 2011 established the Murphy Deming College of Health Sciences, and she previously supported major

campus enhancement projects, an endowed chair in business administration, and the renovation of Deming Fine Arts Center.

The \$25 million will go into MBU's endowment to provide income for future investments and expenditures. And each Mary Baldwin student will carry Mrs. Smith's investment out into the world through thoughtful study, projects that matter, and meaningful connections.



PHOTOS BY NORM SHAFER

"It has given me great pride and joy to support the ongoing mission of empowering women as well as the many innovations that have extended Mary Baldwin's mission to new generations of students." BERTIE MURPHY DEMING SMITH '46

Left: Bertie Murphy Deming Smith visits the Murphy Deming College of Health Sciences for the first time.

Above left: MBU gathers to hear the news of Mrs. Smith's gift.

Above right: President Fox shows off a special message to Mrs. Smith. "We're affectionately calling them 'Bertie buttons,'" she said to the crowd at the announcement ceremony in April.

VISION

RECENT GIFTS HONOR LEGACY, FORGE FUTURE

Recent gifts to Mary Baldwin University mean the world to this unique community of learning on the hill. Through the generosity of donors, alumni, and friends, Mary Baldwin students can make the most of their education, from compelling research to experiential learning, and other resources that support their success in college and beyond.

- \$1 million bequest from internationally acclaimed sculptor Betty Gold for scholarships for residential women on the Staunton campus
- Combined \$1.25 million unrestricted commitment from two members of the MBU Board of Trustees
- Leadership gift to establish a visiting artist program in the Shakespeare and Performance program from Mary McDermott, senior vice president and general counsel for Waynesboro-based Lumos Networks
- Twenty-five experiential learning grants for students in the Mary Baldwin College for Women from Angela Corley '67
- \$150,000 from Donald Campbell for teacher education program scholarships
- \$100,000 from the Mary Morton Parsons Foundation to renovate Tullidge Residence Hall
- \$150,000 from The Rea Charitable Trust to purchase new Steinway pianos
- \$150,000 from Donna Dearman Smith '70 to establish an annual lecture in women's leadership, part of the new Mary Baldwin College for Women initiatives
- \$86,000 grant from the Jessie Ball duPont Fund to establish a partnership with the Delores Barr Weaver Policy Center and implement See the Girl programming
- \$1 million pledge from the Robert Haywood Morrison Foundation to establish an endowment fund to provide ongoing care and maintenance to the Program for the Exceptionally Gifted residence hall, and to name the building after former Mary Baldwin president Cynthia Haldenby Tyson
- \$2 million gift/bequest from Margaret Pollard Rea '47 to endow a chair in English Language, Poetry, and Literature in honor of former Mary Baldwin President Cynthia Haldenby Tyson

(opposite page) Experiential learning in action: Assistant Professor of Biology Mary Jane Epps and student Tatyana Johnson continue research on pollination of flame azaleas at Mountain Lake Biological Station. (See related story on page 30.)



“The McDermott Visiting Artist program is a real tide-raiser for us, in that we’ll be able to embed a visiting artist with our students, full time, every spring.” PAUL MENZER, DIRECTOR OF THE SHAKESPEARE AND PERFORMANCE PROGRAM

(l-r) Ralph Alan Cohen, Director of Mission at American Shakespeare Center; Allison Glenzer, the first visiting artist; Mary McDermott, donor; Paul Menzer, director

HEART

NEW PROGRAMMING ENHANCES STUDENT EXPERIENCE IN THE COLLEGE FOR WOMEN

Mary Baldwin College for Women (MBCW) lives at the center of the multi-faceted Mary Baldwin University, a proud legacy of academic excellence that also sparks innovation. This year, the university unveiled compelling new programming for its historic heart, and named Associate Professor of Sociology and Associate Provost Carey Usher as the first dean of MBCW.

Distinctive First-Year Experience

An immersive retreat in August — led by Dr. Lawanda Ravoir, president and CEO of the Delores Barr Weaver Policy Center, with assistance from student leaders — focuses on introducing the See the Girl programming for empowerment training and community outreach with local at-risk K-12 girls.

Opportunities for Service to Women and Girls

See the Girl's "Girl Matters: It's Elementary" is the primary partnership for MBCW. This project model promotes early intervention in girls' lives to improve school success, as they receive services focused on personal safety, relationships, communication, emotions, and identity. Students start during orientation and may choose to become active interns in area schools moving forward.

Leadership Portfolio

The portfolio jumpstarts a student's interests as she begins her college journey, and it will grow through her four years, culminating in a body of work that shows where she has been and where she is headed.

Invaluable Mentorship

Alumnae mentors will work with students, facilitated by a software program that assists with communication, training, and best practices. MBCW will also work with the Office of Alumni Engagement to host mixers and networking events.

Annual Leadership Symposium

Planned and hosted by MBCW, the symposium will reflect the university's annual theme, bringing women leaders to campus and showcasing student work.



“Our women-centered legacy, our ways of knowing, our ways of being, have helped to forge the bonds we have here, today; they have built our Mary Baldwin family.”

CAREY USHER, DEAN OF MARY BALDWIN COLLEGE FOR WOMEN

Learn more about the Mary Baldwin College for Women vision

READ → bit.ly/MBCWread or WATCH → bit.ly/MBCWwatch

PLACE



Mary Baldwin University is a special place for its students, making them feel both at home and inspired to seek action and create meaningful change.

Updates and renovations across campus during the past year enhance the unique character and radiate the welcoming spirit of MBU.

NEW CENTER PROVIDES CREATIVE HUB FOR STUDENT RESOURCES

The Center for Student Success, a newly renovated space on the first floor of Grafton Library, combines three resources into one open plan that's half study hangout, half thought-lab. Giving students easy access to academic assistance and career planning, the center also has meeting spaces, a student art gallery, and a coffee shop.

The center is home to the:

- Academic Resource Center → writing, math, and subject tutoring
- Quantitative Center → building understanding of data and numbers
- Vantage Point → self-discovery, career preparation, internships, and job opportunities



PHOTOS BY REBEKAH BUDNIKAS



Honoring the Vision of Rosemarie Sena

Thanks to the generous support of MBU Trustee Gabrielle Gelzer "Gabby" McCree '83 (left) and Donald H. McCree, the Center for Student Success honors the leadership and vision of Rosemarie Sena, the first woman to chair MBU's Board of Trustees. Prior to her passing in 1984, Sena was an executive at Shearson Lehman Brothers and a mentor to McCree.

NEW PATHS

Innovative academic programs expand a Mary Baldwin education to new groups, so tomorrow's leaders can chart a path to cutting-edge knowledge, a thriving career, and a life of purpose.

The first recipients of MBU's new master of business administration (MBA) crossed the Commencement stage this May. Following the B Corp model, the MBA rethinks business as usual to focus both on building success and on giving back. The program is part of the Susan Nolan Palmer Graduate Programs in Business. Also tapping into MBU's strong service culture is the new undergraduate major in autism studies and Applied Behavior Analysis (ABA) — the first of its kind in Virginia — which is helping to address a significant and growing need in education.

Murphy Deming College of Health Sciences continues to launch high-demand programs, like the online master of healthcare administration, helping to drive better outcomes for patients, practitioners, and organizations. Also available online is a new post-professional occupational therapy (OT) doctoral program that gives working professionals across the country the opportunity to advance their OT careers. More exciting new initiatives are planned for MDCHS in the near future, including a school of nursing and degrees in health care informatics and in exercise and sport science.

Left: Six-year-old Emmett Lowe has autism, and intensive therapy starting at 18 months has helped him learn social and communication skills. His mother, Monica Snow, studied Applied Behavior Analysis at MBU.



“Mary Baldwin students are very service-driven, wanting to be advocates, helpers, and change-makers in the world; this new major in autism studies and Applied Behavior Analysis offers a tangible path to making a difference.”

RACHEL POTTER, DEAN OF THE COLLEGE OF EDUCATION AND PARENT OF A 13-YEAR-OLD SON WITH AUTISM

See more from Potter about the new degree in autism studies and ABA

WATCH → bit.ly/ABAwatch

SPIRIT



Athletic competition inspires. It motivates. It unifies. A new spotlight on the Fighting Squirrels of Mary Baldwin is resurrecting a sense of pride, spirit, and wellness on and off the field of competition.

A construction site outside the Physical Activities Center (PAC) this summer heralds a new day for athletics at MBU. The mountain of freshly turned dirt is only the tip of the iceberg, so to speak, as the university has also embraced new branding, emphasized student-athlete recruitment, and hired new key personnel to renew athletic competition as an essential tenant of student life and wellness on campus.

The Field of Play

Work is underway on MBU's first collegiate, regulation-size soccer field, adjacent to the Physical Activities Center (PAC). MBU tapped Carolina Green Corporation — which has built fields for many of the elite Division I universities and colleges, including the University of Virginia, the University of North Carolina, and Duke University — for the project. The new Bermuda grass field will be ready for women's and men's soccer competition in Fall 2019, while recreational fitness lanes surrounding the field will be complete and ready for use late this fall for track practice and for student body wellness, including VWIL cadet

fitness training. Work is also underway this summer at the PAC, where students and student-athletes will enjoy improved locker rooms, fitness equipment, and conditioning facilities.

a strong advocate for inclusivity throughout his career.

The Recruits

This fall, MBU will welcome a record-breaking number of students, including more than 75 athletes. Recruits say building new and renewing programs alongside passionate coaches helped make the decision to become a Fighting Squirrel an easy one. Another draw? The promise of a second home at the PAC, with the support that can only be found on a campus that offers a personal touch. "I really like the family-like atmosphere that MBU offers," said basketball recruit Leah Calhoun '22.

The (Expert) Rookie

MBU welcomes Athletic Director Jonas Worth, who most recently served as associate director of athletics and NCAA compliance coordinator at the Pratt Institute in Brooklyn, NY. Worth's career affords him a breadth of experience managing large athletic transitions, leading change, and launching NCAA programs at a variety of small universities. He also has been

The Brand

Mary Baldwin partnered with Skye Design Studios (SDS), a full-service branding agency, to create its new athletic identity, setting a fresh tone for MBU athletics and, as SDS principal and owner Skye Dillon pointed out, "equipping the department to step confidently into its future while thoughtfully acknowledging its heritage."



The diagonal slash featured throughout the lettering is a link to the updated academic branding, a conscious effort to build synergy among all university brand images.



The custom font is inspired by the bold curves and pointed serifs of Mary Julia Baldwin's family crest, the visual cornerstone of the institution throughout its history.



The updated fighting squirrel icon was designed to impart courage, dynamism, and authenticity, capturing the spirit of the MBU persona.



"When we bring high quality softball players, high quality volleyball players, high quality basketball players to campus, they're going to see that institutionally we are putting a lot of effort behind our athletics program."

SOCCER COORDINATOR AND HEAD MEN'S SOCCER COACH ROBERT "BOB" ROSE

PHOTO ESSAY



Grafton Society induction ceremony



College of health sciences tour



Brenda Bryant 5K at Murphy Deming College of Health Sciences

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A Reinvigorating Reunion Line-Up

Mary Baldwin's Office of Alumni Engagement delivered on a promise to engage and educate alumni during Reunion Weekend 2018 (April 26–29) offering a line-up of perennial favorites as well as new events designed to reconnect and reinvigorate alumni relationships with MBU. A "Day of Engagement" — featuring mini-symposia and TED-style talks — highlighted the many ways MBU is looking to the future of higher education and meeting the needs of today's students. New events also included morning tea with Provost Ty Buckman, an *en blanc* dinner at Murphy Deming College of Health Sciences, and a block party in downtown Staunton. Central to Reunion was the celebration of alumni accomplishments with the presentation of distinguished alumni awards (see page 46 for this year's honorees). MBU welcomed the Class of 1968 for their 50th Reunion with a luncheon that featured Mary Baldwin College for Women Dean Carey Usher, who shared the university's commitment to women's education and leadership.



Downtown block party



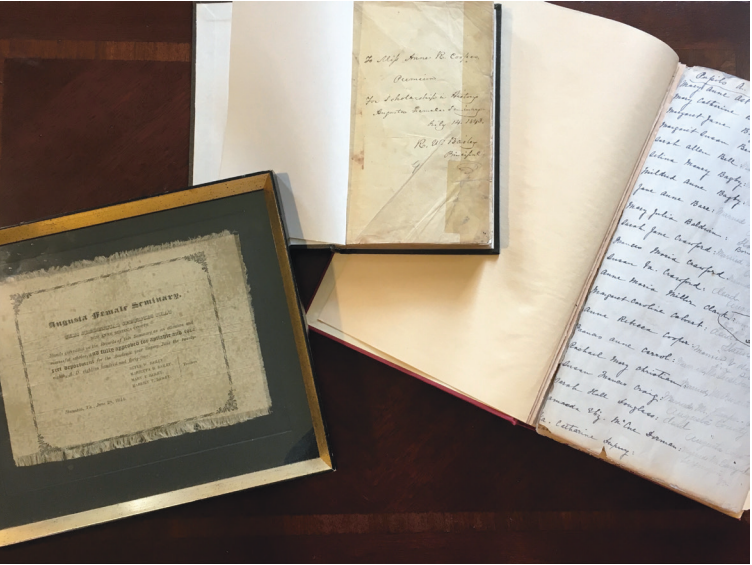
Baldwin *en blanc* dinner

MBU NEWS

NEWS NOTES

Newsmakers and events
that captured attention

Jam on It
With the warm weather this spring came Squirrel Jam, an event with music, food, and games organized to help students unwind before exam week.



Seminary Treasures Return to Campus

Perry Stubbs recently donated cherished items from his great-grandmother, Anne Rebecca Cooper, member of the first graduating class of Augustia Female Seminary in 1844, including a signed copy of MBU co-founder Rev. Rufus Bailey's book *The Patriarch* and Stubbs' great-grandmother's diploma, the only one from the original class known to exist. In the class registry, her name appears just below Mary Julia Baldwin. "My great-grandmother's diploma has been hanging above my desk for years and years," Stubbs said. "I know that it will be treasured here."



WWII Hero Honored at Tullidge Re-Dedication

During the annual Staunton Military Academy (SMA) reunion at MBU, the Virginia Women's Institute for Leadership hosted an event to re-dedicate Tullidge Residence Hall, which recently underwent \$100,000 in improvements. The residence hall is named in honor of Sgt. George B. Tullidge III, a 1941 graduate of SMA and D-Day veteran, who was killed in World War II. MBU worked with his sister, Anne Bowler Tullidge Bell, to honor him with a plaque, as well as her parents George and Anne (who attended Augustia Female Seminary, now MBU), and her siblings Archer and Thomas.



Two Thumbs up

MBU-related works earned acclaim as *Threads of History: Conversations with a Community* — the documentary about Booker T. Washington High School alumni — garnered a Silver Award in the international Spotlight Documentary Film Awards and *Delicacy*, a three-and-a-half minute experimental film by Talula Mays '19, earned the Artistic Merit Trophy at the Poe Film Festival in Richmond. Her film was later selected for inclusion at the Richmond Film Festival.



Back to School

Several programs this year underlined the strong ties between local schools and MBU students, including a performance of *As You Like It* at Bessie Weller Elementary School by master of fine arts company Motley Players (pictured above). The performance gave younger students the chance to enjoy Shakespeare and was made possible by a High Impact Education Grant. Also, a group from the MBU Education Leaders Living-Learning community provided students from the city school system extra tutoring as an alternative to suspension. In April, political science students oversaw a model city council event that partnered high school students with city lawmakers.



Ain't Life Grand

Thanks to funds from the Rea Charitable Trust, MBU's music department purchased two brand-new Steinway & Sons grand pianos, both now in Deming Hall. "We are already seeing such positive results," said Professor of Music Lise Keiter. "I hear our piano students practicing all the time — even right after a lesson. Clearly these new instruments are an inspiration for them."



PHOTOS BY LINDSEY WALTERS AND REBEKAH BUDNIKAS

It started with a compelling message.

Faced with one of its smallest freshman classes in decades last fall, Mary Baldwin University leaders knew something had to change. So they transformed the way they approached undergraduate admissions. The message, delivery, and methods were different, but the university experience — the Mary Baldwin magic — remained.

The new approach first coalesced in a viewbook that used the student perspective to convey MBU's distinctive academic, cultural, athletic, and social offerings. It was the first step of many that led the university to adjust its trajectory and recruit the largest class in its history.

As of press time, more than 400 students have made their deposits and are ready to start college at Mary Baldwin in August, representing a 229 percent increase over last year's first-year census.

"This kind of turnaround is unheard of in higher education," said President Pamela R. Fox, "but Mary Baldwin has always been nimble and ready to respond to both students' needs and changes in the marketplace."

The university worked to deliver the MBU message to more students who are a good fit through a streamlined application process, increased personal outreach, and new academic scholarship opportunities.

Widespread campus improvements helped bring the viewbook to life, and reinforced the student-centered university culture. Spring visit days brought record-breaking crowds to MBU. While on campus, prospective students had experiences specifically designed to help them bond with their peers and Mary Baldwin faculty.

"We threw out the playbook," said Vice President of Integrated Communications Aimee Rose. "We emphasized the student experience — the strong academics, the personal touch, the opportunity to grow on a beautiful campus — all that MBU magic that already existed. And we made undergraduate admissions everyone's job."

A renaissance for MBU Athletics is also a vital piece of the rebound strategy. Improvements to athletics facilities, including a new soccer field and fitness lanes, as well as robust recruitment have attracted student athletes locally and from across the country.

About 75 of the first-year class are athletes. Among all incoming freshmen, about 83 percent are female and 17 percent are male. They come from 34 states, with more than 200 from Virginia.

"This tremendous success we're experiencing — and in such a short amount of time — is giving us the momentum and providing the insight we'll need to retain these students and to recruit for our high-demand graduate and online offerings," Rose said.

Another important component of this year's enrollment success? Current students. University officials recognized that their MBU adventure — whether it was a research opportunity with a professor or a study abroad trip — personally conveyed the value of the MBU experience to prospective students. And with more robust enrollment comes more opportunity for all students.

This summer, facilities crews have been hard at work preparing residence halls for the upcoming influx of students. New students will arrive on campus the week of August 27; classes begin September 3.

"I'm proud of my colleagues for this remarkable achievement and excited for those in the Class of 2022, who will join us this fall," Fox said. "It has been a year of incredibly hard work and great reward. Our success lies in the collective achievements of the entire MBU family."

FUTURE SO BRIGHT

MBU throws out the playbook and shatters enrollment goal



Spring visit days and summer orientation at MBU.



A new viewbook invited thousands of prospective students to consider MBU.

ART SMARTS

SIGNATURE PROFILE SERIES VOLUME 2:

PROGRAM FOR THE EXCEPTIONALLY GIFTED STUDENT COMBINES INTERESTS

**It's safe to say
Giselle Olivera was
no ordinary kid.**

**As a toddler, sometimes instead of eating
her food, she used it to make portraits.
She took the SAT at the age of 12, just for
fun and with no preparation — her score
placed her at pre-engineering levels.**



PHOTO COURTESY OF GISELLE OLIVERA

As a middle school student, Olivera received the Jack Kent Cooke Young Scholar Award, a national scholarship that has been hailed as the Nobel Prize for seventh graders, with more than a thousand applicants competing. It was Olivera's Jack Kent Cooke Foundation advisor who introduced her to the Program for the Exceptionally Gifted (PEG) at Mary Baldwin University.

"At the time, I was aiming to find a way to study art, music, and languages every day at school along with sciences and humanities," she said. "Unfortunately, these subjects are considered electives, and a student is forced to choose. I was allowed to take just one per year, so I was desperate to find a way to keep learning them more in depth."

PEG, which allows girls as young as 13 to attend Mary Baldwin full time, gave Olivera that opportunity. She majored in fine arts, with a double emphasis in drawing and painting, and minored in the history of art. Olivera has received accolades for her work, including her honors project, "The Scientific Art of Portraiture," and she earned MBU's Russell Award for outstanding academic achievement, character, and service, including funds to support her research.

At Mary Baldwin, Olivera worked to combine her love of scientific fields with art. She found that studying art history involved sociology and

archaeology, and art techniques were tied to anatomy, botany, and chemistry. Her own artwork is interdisciplinary, focusing on the intersection of these fields. During her senior year, she worked with bioengineers affiliated with the World Wildlife Fund, creating botanical illustrations in watercolor to identify a systematic taxonomy of plant species and their medicinal purposes.

Olivera sees art as an instrument of communication. "Inviting the viewer to step into a visual 'book' of the history of man, the artist becomes a chronicler and keeper of stories that capture the essence of amazing moments, elements, and people in time that have impacted the world," she said.

Aside from offering her access to college courses, PEG gave Olivera the chance to design a unique course of study: combining her undergraduate degree with classical training in the methods of Renaissance masters. She studied abroad in Italy and traveled to places like Florence, Venice, Milan, Rome, and Turin. Thanks to the Virginia Experiential Learning Award, she worked at the Uffizi Gallery, one of the top museums in the world, to gain hands-on experience in conservation.

But being in Staunton is nice, too. Olivera enjoyed Mary Baldwin traditions — something she felt makes the campus a close-knit community, as does the university's commitment to service

learning. One of her favorite experiences was a class project that involved volunteering with the children's reading program at the Staunton Public Library, advocating for literacy through art projects. Other courses inspired her to volunteer at the R. R. Smith Center for History and Art and the Staunton Augusta Art Center.

Olivera, who graduated magna cum laude in May, plans to obtain a license as an art conservator and become a member of the Royal Portraitist Society, working on commissions both as an artist and conservator for easel paintings. She has also been pursuing internships at places such as the Smithsonian National Portrait Gallery to gain more conservation experience, and, at press time, was a finalist for admission into the master's program in the history of art and architecture at the University of Cambridge.

PEG and MBU professors set Olivera on a path to success. She says they introduced her to the techniques of art conservation and provided the practice, theory, and criticism of contemporary art. They also made her fall for Leonardo da Vinci.

Perhaps most importantly, they allowed her to stay true to the things that interest her most. "They encouraged my natural way of relating art and science," she said, "and challenged me to combine materials, defy concepts, explore themes, and question boundaries."

Donor Supports Undergraduate Teacher Education, Honors Former Dean

Celebrating a pioneering figure in education, Donald Campbell stands with MBU President Pamela R. Fox in front of a portrait of his mother, Elizabeth Pfohl, who was dean of Mary Baldwin University 1929–36.

In her memory, Campbell made a generous gift of \$150,000 to create The Elizabeth Pfohl Campbell, Dean '29 – '36 Scholarship Fund. Consisting of three scholarships a year of \$5,000 each, it supports undergraduate students pursuing teacher education at MBU.

"I am pleased to use part of my foundation for this scholarship fund where you can see the results," said Campbell. "I know it will be put to good use."

Determined and forward-looking, Elizabeth Pfohl Campbell dedicated her life to education. After her time at Mary Baldwin, in 1947, she became the first woman elected to a school board in the state of Virginia. She was also an early champion of educational television, founding the Washington-area public television station, WETA, which went on air in 1961.

"Without a certain amount of education, you can't get very far in most cases," Campbell said. "It's not just learning a subject, it's learning how to live for good. You have to make the effort to take education and use it."

Campbell has a long relationship with Staunton and MBU, dating back to before his birth. He is the great-great-grandson of MBU co-founder Rufus Bailey.



Donor Donald Campbell



MBU is the first university in the nation to install a SmartFlower, generating solar energy for the President's House.

A Sustainable Mission Mary Baldwin University works to go green

You might say that hiring Sam Stoner was one of Mary Baldwin University's significant steps toward its mission of creating a more environmentally sustainable campus.

The university's first sustainability coordinator arrived in June 2016 thanks to a grant from the Jessie Ball duPont Fund, which provided resources for hiring such a position and for establishing the energy monitoring project.

For years the university had only two electric meters and two water meters for more than 20 buildings. "When we pay our bill, we see two large numbers for our energy use on campus," Stoner said. "But Mary Baldwin wanted to better understand how we're using that energy on a more granular level."

The university worked with Secure Futures, a solar company in Staunton, to develop an energy monitoring system that would fit MBU's needs. Now 12 submeter locations show how much electricity each particular building is using and produce data that Stoner can actually view on his laptop.

"We can look at this information and gain a better understanding of which buildings are using more energy and when," he said. "That translates into being able to address changes, whether it's behavioral changes from the people in those buildings or improvements to building operations. This project opens up the door for so many opportunities to increase our efficiency."

MBU has also contracted with Collegiate Clean Energy, a utility company that provides its customers with customized energy solutions, including 100 percent renewable electrical energy. The company uses landfill gas to generate electricity that is transported through the utility grid to MBU.

All major campus buildings are now on that contract. The university's agreement with Collegiate Clean Energy also includes a SmartFlower, a solar electric generating system that provides up to 2,400 watts of electricity for the President's House. Just like its natural counterpart, the SmartFlower tracks the sun throughout the day and closes at night. Mary Baldwin is the first university in the country to install a SmartFlower, and while it produces a modest amount of energy for campus, Stoner says it's been a great tool to spark conversation in the Mary Baldwin community.

"It's very eye-catching," he said. "I've heard lots of comments from people on campus who notice it and think it looks very cool."

Stoner sees the SmartFlower as a symbol for the university's commitment to creating a sustainable campus. It's about getting people excited for more green opportunities and projects on campus.

Students are sure to be a major part of sustainability efforts, and Stoner is working to build interest, including a Mary Baldwin chapter of Net Impact, a national organization that provides members with resources for environmental projects and hosts an annual conference for students to learn about job opportunities related to sustainability.

"Mary Baldwin is very committed to its students," Stoner said. "I think the projects we've done, as well as the support they've received from the Mary Baldwin community, really show we're committed to our future generations."



Corinne Weeks '18, pictured with Provost Ty Buckman, is headed to Stanford University, one of nine top graduate schools that awarded her full funding.

PEG Standout Offered \$2.3 Million in Scholarships from PhD Programs Corinne Weeks arrived at MBU at 15 years old

After entertaining offers of free tuition from nine top graduate schools, 17-year-old Corinne Weeks '18 has decided to attend Stanford University in the fall to study chemical engineering.

"I'm so excited," she said of the educational opportunities that have opened up for her.

In addition to Stanford, Princeton, Cornell, Michigan State, Purdue, and Case Western Reserve and the universities of Illinois, Texas, and Virginia all offered Weeks full scholarships. News of the teenager's academic success spread across the country, including coverage in *USA Today* and on *CBS News.com*.

In May, Weeks graduated, earning her bachelor's degree with a major in applied mathematics, and dual minors in chemistry and physics. She was also awarded the Martha Stackhouse Grafton Award, which goes to the senior with the highest grade point average.

MBU Professor of Mathematics John Ong, Weeks' academic advisor, was not surprised that her story captured the nation's attention. Weeks is one of MBU's bright graduates from the Program for the Exceptionally Gifted, or PEG.

"Corinne is a clear example of what is possible when disciplined work ethic combines with real

talent," Ong said. "She listens humbly as a student but then grows her own voice through independent choices. I loved being her advisor. Besides being a stellar scholar and a leader, she is a decent human being and personifies what is best and fulfilling about our PEG program."

In her final semester at MBU, Weeks visited most of the graduate schools — all the while studying the effects of bisphenol S, or BPS, in plastics; presenting a poster at the American Chemical Society national conference in New Orleans; and completing her senior thesis that explored how the diffusion equation is used in chemical engineering.

The small university community at MBU offered Weeks plenty of leadership opportunities that weren't really an option at her Cincinnati-area high school of more than 2,000 students. Weeks is president of the Math Club; she served as co-president of the PEG residence hall; and this year she served on the MBU Honor Council.

"It's been really easy for me to feel comfortable in leadership positions while I've been here, and I've also improved my public speaking skills," she said.

While at MBU, Weeks has also enjoyed outings tailored just for PEG students — her favorites include traveling to theme parks like Busch



Gardens. There are also spa nights, movie screenings, and slumber parties.

Weeks enjoyed high school, but looked forward to being in an environment with other gifted students her age. On a visit as a prospective student, she realized that she would like the social scene at MBU as well — making friends with other academically strong students, but not getting lost at a huge university. Her little sister, Camille Weeks, has just wrapped up her freshman year as a PEG. The two girls could often be found grabbing a hot bowl of pho or going to church together just a couple of blocks away in downtown Staunton.

Mom Terri Weeks of Loveland, Ohio, heard about MBU's gifted education program when her daughter was in 8th grade and not quite ready to skip all of high school. But by 10th grade, Weeks was ready.

"We have been very pleased with PEG," said Terri Weeks. "It has allowed our daughters to start college when they were ready, with safeguards that allow my husband and me to sleep at night. PEG isn't for everyone, but it is a wonderful opportunity for the right students. Corinne has had some amazing opportunities that have helped prepare her for graduate school. Her professors and fellow PEGs have encouraged her to truly challenge herself."

Legendary Artist Betty Gold Brings ‘Three Sisters,’ Film to Campus

Internationally known sculptor Betty Gold gave MBU a poignant depiction of sisterhood, installing “Three Sisters” on campus in October. This sculpture-portrait of herself and her sisters was originally meant for Gold’s own backyard, but the special spirit of MBU’s community inspired her.

“If I could do it again, I would like to study here as a young woman,” Gold said. “It is such a beautiful place.”

In creating “Three Sisters,” Gold began with a rectangle for each piece, playing with negative and positive space like a Chinese puzzle. Each sister had the same origin, but ended up with a different character and individual feeling. They have never before been together in the same location.

“Growing up, I had an older sister and a younger sister,” Gold said. “I was the tough one, and both of them were very feminine. They relied on me, which is funny. I was kind of madam toughy, the middle daughter, the tomboy.”

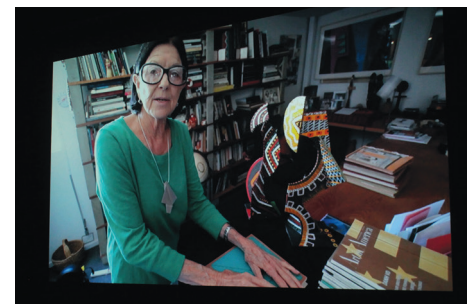
The documentary *A Year with Betty Gold*, directed and produced by J. McMerty, was also premiered during Gold’s October visit. The film chronicles her life and rise to prominence beginning in the 1970s as a woman artist creating large-scale metal sculptures in a male-dominated field.

“Betty Gold, you are an inspiration to students like me, and your work is a daily reminder of what we can and will achieve,” said art student Talula Mays ‘19, who spoke at the dedication ceremony.

Installed on lower Cannon Hill, “Three Sisters” is the fourth sculpture Gold has donated to MBU, and it is part of an evolving Betty Gold Sculpture Walk that travels from Pearce Science Center to Deming Fine Arts Center. MBU awarded Gold an honorary doctorate in 2014 in what she called the “acme of my life.”



PHOTOS BY TALULA MAYS '19



Sculptor Betty Gold visits campus to dedicate “Three Sisters” and premiere a documentary about her life.



PHOTO BY REBEKAH BUDNIKAS

Srinivas Krishnan leads young Indian scholars in song at MBU’s Capstone Festival (top), and Claudia Bernardi facilitates a mural project for children at the Staunton Boys and Girls Club (bottom).

Artists-in-Residence Promote Learning Through Art

Two MBU artists-in-residence returned to campus during May Term, bringing a collaborative and creative spirit to new projects for children and youth.

Artist-in-residence and musician Srinivas Krishnan attended the Capstone Festival with a group of 12 middle school scholars from India as part of the Leadership Engagement in Artistic Performances (LEAP) program. The students, fifth to ninth graders, performed vocal pieces at Capstone’s opening and closing ceremonies. Spearheaded by Krishnan and mentored by Indian composer A.R. Rahman, LEAP gives children access to alternative ways of learning through dance, music, theatre, and art.

A collaborative mural project during MBU’s May Term brought together artist-in-residence and activist Claudia Bernardi, Professor of Philosophy Roderic Owen, MBU students, and young artists from Staunton’s Boys and Girls Club. The children chose to paint a colorful ocean-themed mural on an interior wall of their club’s home in the Booker T. Washington Community Center.

“It was a lovely experience, a fantastic course with terrific students and the new collaboration with Professor Roderic Owen,” Bernardi said. “The outcome could not have been better. The mural is about ‘The Deep Sea’ with buried pirate skulls included. Amazing imagination!”



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Abu Dhabi



Members of MBU's Team Shakespeare traveled to New York University Abu Dhabi for the Global Shakespeare Student Festival in April, including Gil Mitchell '21, Director of Shakespeare and Performance Paul Menzer, Kim Greenawalt MFA '18, Keith Taylor '21, Layla Tears '18, and Melissa Fulton '18. Joining other students from around the world, they attended workshops, soaked up the city's culture, and performed scenes inspired by the festival theme of *Pericles*. "I am so pleased to be part of an institution that values the arts and invests in the growth of their students," said Tears.



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A Time for Faculty Collegiality

By Ty Buckman, provost and professor of English



It would be easy to make too much of it: meeting together three or four times each semester at a local restaurant or winery for a "collegiality hour." Glass of wine or craft beer or sparkling water in hand, faculty enjoy the company of colleagues here or perhaps during a book group meeting to discuss a provocative novel.

These are not professional development programs per se, not workshops on effective teaching. So what is the purpose?

I think of these voluntary events as a gesture toward community, symbolizing our commitment to being a faculty who comes together and enjoys each other's company outside of our campus roles.

Collegiality and a sense of common purpose can be a fragile state for a university faculty. We are, by definition, experts in diverse fields, with all of the different starting assumptions, competing priorities, and prejudices that divide experts in every sphere of society.

A faculty assembles as a faculty, as a collective, only a handful of times in an academic year. At faculty meetings, we discuss and vote on often contentious issues involving the academic enterprise of the university. We celebrate our students' achievements at convocations and Commencement and other formal occasions in the life of the campus. It's telling that at those gatherings, we don traditional academic regalia and wear robes and hoods adorned not with the colors of the university we serve, but the many colors of our academic disciplines and the graduate schools from which we hold our highest degrees.

Faculty collegiality lives at the intersection of the pull of loyalty to our academic guilds — the great host of all biology or English or business faculty the world over — and the pull of loyalty to our campus home and the students we serve. University faculties with strong social capital — to invoke the versatile concept that Robert Putnam popularized in his study *Bowling Alone* — are able to bridge the demands of both guild and campus, and adapt and thrive in challenging times. Faculties that do not have a high level of trust often struggle to reach consensus on difficult decisions.

It is a priority of mine as Mary Baldwin's chief academic officer to strengthen the bond between faculty members across the university, from our historic Staunton campus to Murphy Deming College of Health Sciences a few miles away to the faculty who teach online courses for us and may not live in the state of Virginia.

Great communication and trust between faculty members prepare us to better serve our students and, ultimately, enable us to collectively focus on the singular mission of the university: to prepare leaders to pursue lives of purpose in a changing world.



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With the Beat of a Butterfly’s Wing

MBU biologist discovers unique method of pollination

Assistant Professor of Biology Mary Jane Epps has documented a rare method of pollination — only the third case ever recorded — in the Appalachian Mountains of Virginia. Epps and remarkable footage of her discovery were featured on “Sex, Lies, and Butterflies,” an episode of *Nature* that aired on PBS.

It all started with a basic question: what pollinates flame azaleas?

Blooming late spring through mid-summer, azalea blossoms bring bright yellow and orange to the mountain ridges. These flowers are magnets to pollinators, but they are also deceptive.

“I found an unusual thing,” Epps said. “Lots of insects come to azaleas, but I noticed that a lot of them weren’t making contact with both the male and female parts of the blossom, which is necessary for reproduction.”

Epps tackled this botanical mystery starting in 2012, and her research at Mountain Lake Biological Station in Giles County is ongoing. This summer, MBU student Tatyana Johnson is also working at the field station on an expansion of the project.

“Azaleas have a weird structure,” she said. “Small insects can duck under the reproductive parts. There’s a size mismatch between the male anthers and female stigma, so bees can make contact with pollen, but never deposit it on the female part. The only pollinator making contact with both parts were the big butterflies.”

Following this lead, she set up a follow-up experiment: by caging azalea plants, she controlled what insect species gained access to the plants and excluded different types of pollinators. “For example, I would let in small-bodied insects, but exclude the big butterflies. These plants had a total failure in fruit set.”

As the big butterfly drinks nectar from the blossom, its wings beat against the male reproductive organ of the plant and release chains of pollen. With another wing beat, the butterfly deposits pollen on the female part. And there it is: reproduction. Fruit forms, seeds develop, and more bright yellow blossoms dot the woodlands next spring.

“Butterflies hit all the parts of the blossom with their big wings,” she said. “And some butterfly species are more flap-happy than others, like the swallowtail, with every wing flap it pollinated really well. So there are differences in how effective pollination is, even among the butterflies.”

Epps had identified her pollinator, the eastern tiger swallowtails’ wings, an essential partner in the survival of the flame azalea.

Award-winning actor and *Nature* narrator Paul Giamatti summed up the discovery as “a true surprise — it’s just the third case of wing pollination ever recorded.”



Biology professor Mary Jane Epps takes a closer look at the flame azalea puzzle.



“A true surprise — it’s just the third case of wing pollination ever recorded.”

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MDCHS NEWS

Digital Classroom

MBU’s new MHA program provides a flexible educational experience

Karen Blakemore was leery about returning to school 17 years after receiving her bachelor’s degree. With a full-time job as an RN and a family that includes three school-age kids, she needed a program that was flexible enough to accommodate her other responsibilities.



MHA Director Kim McDonald

That proved difficult to find — until she came across Mary Baldwin University’s master of healthcare administration (MHA), launched last fall by MBU’s Murphy Deming College of Health Sciences. With all classes offered online, it not only provided the flexibility Blakemore needed, but it also has major options in both health systems leadership and quality and systems safety, as well as strong support from knowledgeable faculty.

“Students have found that the knowledge and skills that they learn throughout their course work are immediately transferrable to their careers,” said Kim McDonald, the program’s director. “And now they have greater potential to broaden their careers in a growing health care industry.”

Blakemore says the curriculum has already expanded her knowledge of health care as a whole, as she has been able to study a range of topics, like leadership, finance, strategy, law and ethics, and analytics.

McDonald encourages MBU alums to consider this degree program if they are looking for additional leadership skills in a health care setting, or, looking to change careers into health care. MBU supports their alumni in continuing life-long learning with a special alumni discount.

“Feedback that we receive from our students offers insight into the high regard held for the faculty, as well as the content of the curriculum and course structure,” said McDonald. “There is a good deal of satisfaction that students report in being able to commit to their lives, families, and careers, and still be able to complete their education.”

» For more information on the MHA program, visit <http://bit.ly/MHAatMBU>

Posters, Papers, and Presentations:
MDCHS Faculty
Achievements

Deborah Diaz, associate professor, Physical Therapy Program
Presented a peer-reviewed poster, “Cultural Competence Development During an Entry-Level Doctor of Physical Therapy Program,” Combined Sections Meeting of the American Physical Therapy Association.

Allison Ellington, director, Occupational Therapy Program
Co-authored a paper, “Virtual Activities of Daily Living for Recovery of Upper Extremity Motor Function,” published in the IEEE *Transactions on Neural Systems and Rehabilitation Engineering* journal.

Co-presented a session, “Round Table: Occupational Therapy’s Use of Virtual Reality in Schools,” with occupational therapy student Jennilee Dodds, Virginia OT Association School Symposium.

Shelly Knewstep-Watkins, director of clinical education, Occupational Therapy Program
Presented on “Occupational Therapy for People and Families,” Huntington’s Disease Youth Organization camp.

Bess Maxwell, assistant professor, Physical Therapy Program
Presented two papers, “Movement, Pain, and Aquatic Therapy” and “The Value of Certification in Aquatic Physical Therapy,” Combined Sections Meeting of the American Physical Therapy Association.

Lisa Shoaf, director, Physical Therapy Program
Presented a poster, “Physical Therapist’s Perspectives on Usage and Effectiveness of Interpretation

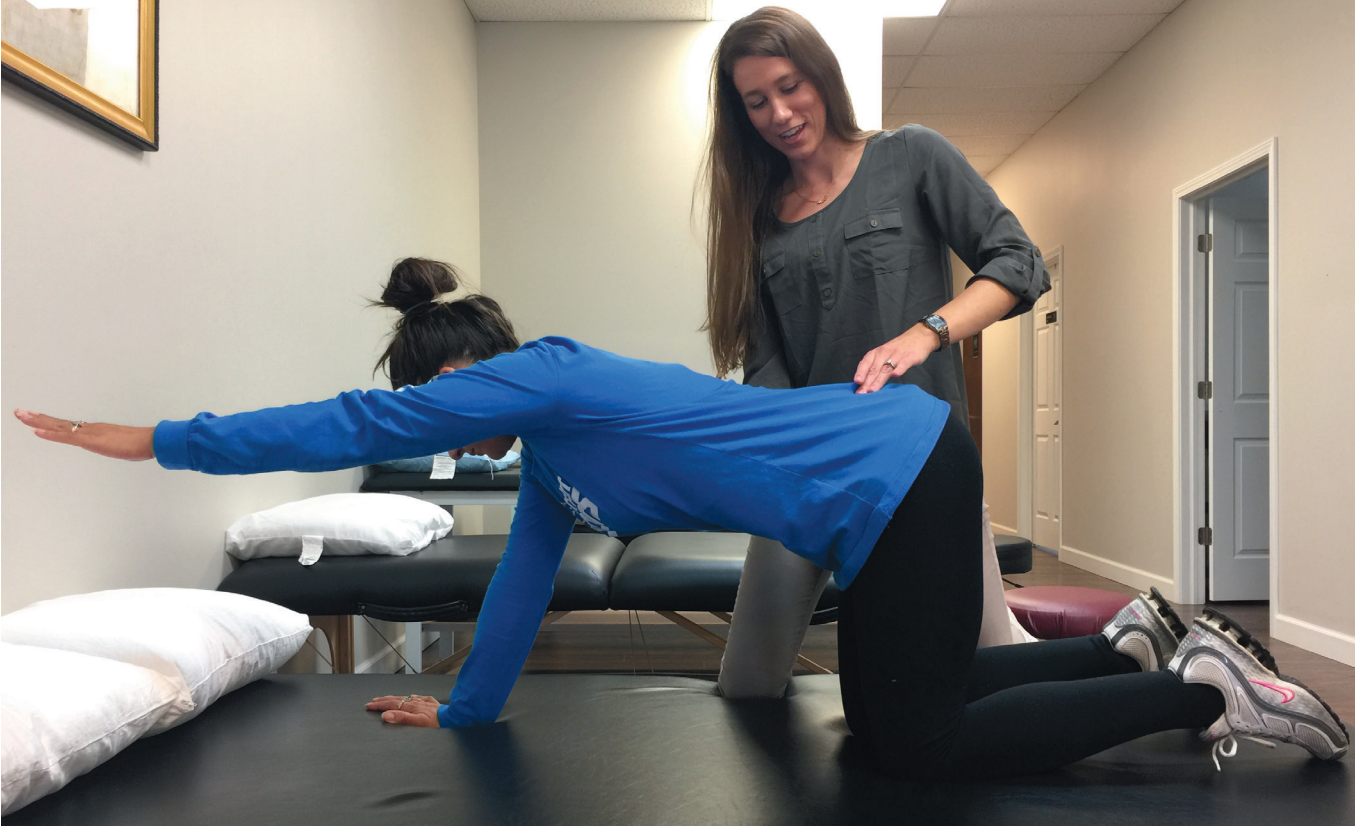
Services During Encounters with Patients with Limited English Proficiency,” with Jose Gil-Figueroa DPT ’17, Virginia Physical Therapy Association annual meeting.

Presented a poster, “Correlation between Roles Performed and Injuries Sustained During *The Nutcracker* in Professional Ballet Companies,” with Maeve Talbot DPT ’18 and Miranda Young DPT ’18, International Association for Dance Medicine and Science meeting.

Presented a two-hour educational session, “Igniting, Empowering, and Engaging High Performance Teams,” in collaboration with two other PT colleagues, American Physical Therapy Association Combined Sections meeting.

Pamela Stephenson, assistant professor, Occupational Therapy Program
Co-authored an article, “Not Just for Children: Facilitating Behavior Change in School-Based Practice,” *SIS Quarterly Practice Connections*.

Presented three papers — “Occupational Profiles: An essential element of practice,” “Occupational Therapy and Transgender Individuals: Opportunities for Engagement,” and “Legacy Building through Occupation: The Distinct Value of Occupational Therapy” — and co-presented a poster, “The Importance of Traditions in Occupational Therapy Student Role Identity,” Virginia Occupational Therapy Association annual state conference.



PHOTOS SUBMITTED BY JOJO BIERLEIN

“Every single day, my goal is to improve the quality of someone’s life.” Physical therapist Joanna “JoJo” Bierlein works to break down barriers preventing women from receiving the care they need.

Physical Change
Alumna relies on her Murphy Deming education

On her first day as an independent physical therapist, there was something about Joanna “Jojo” Bierlein’s DPT ’17 last patient evaluation that wasn’t adding up. She knew something was wrong, and she decided to reach out to the patient’s primary care physician and oncologist — who disregarded her. For four weeks, Bierlein documented all the inconsistent tests, ruling out the musculoskeletal conditions that PTs treat, communicating the results with the patient’s other doctors. Finally, the oncologist ordered testing. Shortly after, the patient was hospitalized with tumors in her hip, pelvis, spine, liver, and lungs.

When Bierlein reflects on this experience, she is reminded of the training she received from the physical therapy program at MBU’s Murphy Deming College of Health Sciences. From diagnosis abilities to the confidence to communicate with other health professionals, the curriculum provided a strong foundation for her career.

Bierlein’s love of physical therapy came from a love of dance. As a competitive dancer, she experienced countless injuries, using crutches 11 times throughout middle and high school. During her PT sessions, she began asking questions about the profession, and one summer in high school, Bierlein stepped out of the patient role to shadow her PT. It was that experience that convinced her it was the career she wanted to pursue.

After earning her bachelor’s in exercise clinical science at Grand Valley State University, the Bay City, Michigan, native began looking at graduate programs. When she interviewed with the physical therapy staff at Mary Baldwin, there was an immediate connection.

“I could tell there was something special about Mary Baldwin,” Bierlein said. “When I walked in the door the day of my interview, they made it seem as if I was a dear friend they were excited had arrived. In my heart, I just knew that was where I was meant to be.”

After graduation and receiving her license, Bierlein began working at a clinic in her hometown, bringing the first pelvic PT service to the community. The clinic’s cases are now 75 percent women’s health patients. Bierlein also attended continuing education courses all over the country on weekends to earn a specialty certification in women’s health.

“To me, physical therapy is one of the greatest professions there is,” she said. “Every single day, my goal is to improve the quality of someone’s life. I cannot put into words the feeling I get when someone tells me they slept through the night for the first time in months. That is what gives me more job satisfaction than any other career I could imagine for myself.”

This past February, Bierlein received the Elaine Meadows Research Scholar Award from the American Physical Therapy Association (APTA) Section on Women’s Health for her work. The award came with the opportunity to present the research portion of her doctoral project at the APTA Combined Sections Meeting Conference, which includes representation of all the subspecialty areas of the physical therapy field.

Her presentation was titled “Exploration of Education and PT Treatment for Postpartum Recovery: Current Barriers Limiting Care.” For the study, she surveyed women regarding their postpartum symptoms, the education they had received regarding recovery, and how these symptoms were affecting their daily life. She also interviewed the health professionals

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Bierlein DPT '17

involved in these women's care, regarding what kind of barriers they felt women were facing in the current health care system.

For Bierlein, the award was a reinforcement that she's doing something right. With so many barriers keeping women from receiving the care they need, her goal is to make a real change. "I have amazing mentors who have dedicated their entire careers to this area of the PT profession," she said. "They are now close to retirement and admit this is still such a big issue. Down the road in my career, I don't want to be mentoring a young PT graduate and saying the same thing."

Bierlein has the tools to work toward these changes because four years ago, Murphy Deming decided to give her a chance to be a member of their charter class. "That opportunity meant the world to me," she said. "I hope that with my dedication to the PT profession, I'm able to pay forward all of the ways they helped shape me into a health professional. I would not be where I am today without Mary Baldwin, and I will forever be grateful for the opportunity they gave this girl who applied from some small town in Michigan."

Building Community Connections

When the Valley Community Services Board in Staunton saw the need for young children in the area to have faster access to diagnostic services in relation to autism, they created the Regional Education Autism Collaborative Team (REACT).

Then they turned to Pam Stephenson, assistant professor of occupational therapy, for help.

Mary Baldwin's Murphy Deming College of Health Sciences (MDCHS) not only graduates passionate health care professionals, but it also embodies the ideals of the university as a whole, instilling in its faculty and students a strong sense of community and a desire to impact the lives of others.

REACT's original assessment space was too small for the number of families needing assistance, so MDCHS offered a larger space in their building. The group is able to take

advantage of the unique simulation center and lab rooms for evaluation spaces, providing a more comfortable experience for both the assessment professionals and the families. Stephenson takes part in the "free play" portion of the assessment, engaging each child in activities in the pediatrics lab while other team members observe from another room. After all parts of the process are completed, the interdisciplinary team meets with the parents to review the evaluation.

"It's important for MDCHS to be an active part of our town and to build strong partnerships that make a difference," Stephenson said. "Our students and faculty serve and support our communities for the benefit of everyone."

Not only does Stephenson find it rewarding to serve local families, but she also appreciates the opportunity to work with different professionals in the community. One of Stephenson's students

recognized the importance of this interaction as well. Maggie Sheffield, a third-year OT student, was invited to observe Stephenson working as a member of the REACT team. She was able to learn firsthand that an autism diagnosis involves many professionals working collaboratively.

"I enjoyed seeing professionals leave their hunches at the door and use their combined skilled observations and a combination of assessments to come to a conclusion," said Sheffield.

It wasn't the first time MDCHS has opened its door to the community. Throughout her time at MBU, Sheffield has seen the college host workshops, community meetings, and blood drives, continuing the positive community relationship that Mary Baldwin has created over the years.

"Murphy Deming College of Health Sciences is built on a foundation of interprofessional collaboration and learning," said Deborah Greubel, vice president and dean of health sciences at MDCHS. "I can think of no better way to do this than with engagement with other professionals within our community. Service learning is so very important to the foundation of ethically responsible professional practice. We are grateful that we are able to work with our community partners as we lead the way in health care education."

The college is now in its sixth semester of the Community Practicum course, when students engage with eight to 12 external partners each fall and spring semester to meet community needs. Student groups, with an interprofessional mix of OT, PT, and PA students, create new programs, put on special events, raise money, and provide valuable education to these local organizations and the residents they serve. One group of students recently implemented a fitness program for Special Olympics athletes in Virginia, called "Get SO Fit."

In addition to this structured course experience, MDCHS students arrive to the campus with a record of community engagement and helping others, and continue this involvement during their graduate studies. Student organizations engage in numerous volunteer activities, including volunteering annually at the Central Virginia Burn Camp, PT Day of Service (this year sponsoring a fall prevention workshop event at Augusta Health), hosting blood drives, and much more.

MDCHS is a key part of Mary Baldwin's relationship to the community. The Fishersville campus lies within a mile of Augusta Health, Woodrow Wilson

Rehabilitation Center, and other clinics and senior care facilities. Several faculty members are also local practitioners, who come to their MBU classrooms not only to impart technical knowledge, but also to share a rewarding moment they had with a patient, or some of the challenges they face in their own practice.

Current health care providers in the local community are also looking to MDCHS to further their education and update their credentials. (Read about on the new Master of Healthcare Administration Program on page 32.) Through the MDCHS curriculum, these health professionals are learning skills that expand their careers and add to the quality of the area's health care facilities as they put their new knowledge to work.

The technical training students receive is vitally important, but so too is providing them with a sense of community involvement and supporting their desire to help others. For Sheffield, her education has prepared her for a career as a pediatric occupational therapist in Virginia.

"But it's also taught me to be aware of how I can contribute my complement of education, experience, and skills to the broader community where I live," she said.



Murphy Deming students present their work on behalf of local children in need at the Adaptive Design Fair: (l-r) Jodie Choi OTD '19, Caitlin Smith DPT '19, Grace Goodpasture OTD '19, Haley King DPT '19.



Students design and construct custom products primarily out of cardboard as part of their pediatrics courses: (l-r) Aysha Ehsan DPT '19, Brighid Rebolledo OTD '19, Ruthanne "Ruthie" Rowane OTD '19, Michaela Crutsinger OTD '19, Taylor Deijkers OTD '19.

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IN MEMORY

Alumna, Friend, Quiet Champion: Louise Fowlkes Kegley '54

Louise Kegley brought to life a line from her 1954 class song: "aim to please and never bore."

Having worked devotedly, but quietly, on behalf of Mary Baldwin — as well as other local environmental, educational, and historical organizations — the Roanoke native is remembered for her joie de vivre, warmth, and generosity. She passed away on Jan. 6 at the age of 85.



During her time as a student at Mary Baldwin (where she was known by the nickname "Fish"), she majored in economics and sociology and was managing editor and business manager of *Campus Comments*, vice president of the IRC, and member of the YWCA, Canterbury Club, and Athletic/Recreation Association.

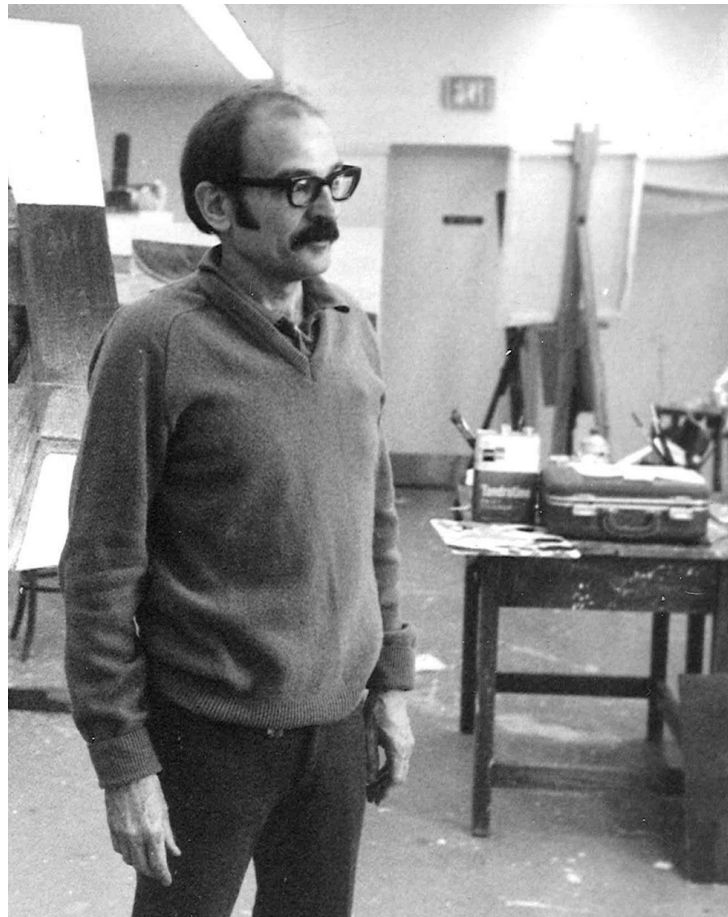
Kegley continued to be involved in the Mary Baldwin community long after graduation with service on the Alumni Association Board of Directors in the late 1960s and 1970s and then on the Board of Trustees during the 70s. An MBU Trustee Emerita, she was awarded the Emily Smith Medallion in 1983.

"I remember her as a dynamic woman, with a great spirit," said Anne Holland '88, assistant director of special projects for the MBU Alumni Engagement Office.

Kegley was married for nearly 60 years to George Kegley, former business editor for *The Roanoke Times*. They met while both were working at the newspaper, which was owned by Kegley's grandfather. She was mother to four children, grandmother to nine, and great-grandmother to six.

Kind-hearted and independent, she once surprised her husband by buying the historic Monterey house (built in 1845) and farm, where they called home for the rest of her life.

In addition to her service to MBU, she supported organizations including the Historical Society of Western Virginia, the Mill Mountain Advisory Committee and other conservation interests, and the J.B. and Grace Fishburn Memorial Fund.



Professor and Practitioner of Art: Ulysse Desportes

Memories of Professor Emeritus of Art Ulysse Desportes encompassed the professional and personal sides of a man known on campus as an energetic instructor who laughed easily, loved to tell stories, and was himself a talented artist.

Desportes died Feb. 14 at Shenandoah Valley Nursing Home. He was 97 years old.

"He had a broad and deep command of art history and was passionate about art — as he was about life," said Sara Nair James '69, professor emerita of art history. "He was also an accomplished and versatile artist. He painted several portraits of Mary Baldwin presidents and others, including the one of Sam Spencer."

"I remember Ulysse working with Betty Lynn Baker on the sculpting of her 'Mad Anthony Wayne' bust that I think still stands in the Waynesboro public library," said his daughter Laura Desportes '79.

"He was fascinated with hands ... they figure prominently in his portraits. And [when he] painted my portrait when I was a student at Mary Baldwin playing my guitar he fussed obsessively over the hands."

In Desportes, "we had a glimpse of the *homo universale*, or 'universal man' in the Renaissance sense of that phrase," said his colleague Professor Emeritus of Music Robert Allen. "He wore his wide learning lightly. He saw through the follies and vanity of our life and never tired of mocking them."

Allen recalled that Desportes loved music and rarely missed one of MBU's Broman Concerts or recitals. Before suffering a stroke in August, Desportes liked to be out and about near his home in downtown Staunton. He preferred walking to driving, Allen said, and he especially enjoyed taking long walks with his beloved dogs, Kirby and Katie.



The late Linda Hammack '62 with husband Paul.

A Mary Baldwin Life Well-Lived: Linda Dolly Hammack '62

Linda Dolly Hammack '62 couldn't have picked her outfit any better the day she met her future husband, Paul, on a blind date in March 1965.

"She wore a red suit," said Paul Hammack. "Which was just perfect for me because I love red."

Hammack passed away peacefully in Fairfax at the age of 77 on Dec. 20. Her life was defined not only by a loving relationship with her husband of more than 50 years, but also a love for her alma mater.

Hammack was born in Logan, West Virginia, and she attended high school in Waynesboro where she was the valedictorian. Former Mary Baldwin President Sam Spencer gave a speech during Hammack's graduation, and afterwards, wrote her a personal note, asking her to apply for a scholarship. She did, and went on to graduate with a degree in music.

A few years later, while Hammack was working as an admissions counselor at Mary Baldwin, she gave a friend a ride to Washington and Lee University to visit her boyfriend. It was there she met Paul, who was a law student.

"She was intelligent and pretty with a great smile, and she had such a positive outlook," said Paul Hammack. "It was sort of, 'what's not to like?'"

The two were married in 1967 and held their wedding reception in Spencer Residence Hall. Early in their marriage, the couple bought a small sailboat for the Chesapeake Bay, and Hammack bought a book called *Cooking on Your Knees* because there wasn't enough room to stand up in the cabin. She was an excellent cook, her husband said. "If you knew her in our early marriage, she would make gâteau de crêpes and other things that none of the other young wives were even thinking about doing."

Later on, Linda and Paul Hammack tried to take trips to different places each year. They went on a safari in Africa and traveled to China the first year it opened to tourists.

Hammack's professional life included 25 years of service as a producer, director, and manager of film and TV in internal communications at the American Red Cross National Headquarters, and three years with WETA-TV public television in Washington, D.C.

She was instrumental in organizing a production of the *Visitatio Sepulchri*, a medieval liturgical drama filmed in the Abbey St. Benoît de Fleury, France, for Theater Wagon, Inc., a Staunton-based non-profit, which won a Cine Golden Eagle Award. Hammack also served on the National Board of the American Red Cross Retiree Association and was active in the Mantua Citizens' Association.

Even with all her professional responsibilities, Hammack never forgot Mary Baldwin University. She served on various boards, including as president of the Alumni Association and as a member of the Mary Baldwin Board of Trustees. A member of the Grafton Society, she earned the Emily Wirsing Kelly Leadership Award and the Emily Smith Medallion for service. She was active in the Washington, D.C., alumni chapter, putting on events like dinner dances.

The couple came back to campus many times, and the relationships Hammack made through Mary Baldwin impacted her life.

And she impacted others. Since Hammack's passing, her husband has received an outpouring of support from her Mary Baldwin classmates through letters, cards, and emails. When he receives one, he pulls out his wife's yearbook to identify the alumnae he doesn't know as well.

"She had received an excellent education at Mary Baldwin and wanted to return those benefits," Paul Hammack said. "She always spoke highly of her professors, stayed close to her classmates, and supported the programs that she knew would make Mary Baldwin a stronger school. She really supported the school throughout her entire life."

Leading Through Turbulence and Rapid Change: William Watkins Kelly

William Watkins Kelly, Mary Baldwin's sixth president, 1969–76, who led the college through the turbulence and rapid change of the 1970s, died on April 17 in Atlanta. He was 89.

A presidential selection committee at Mary Baldwin chose Kelly from more than 100 nominations to succeed President Samuel Spencer, and the college celebrated his inauguration on Founders Day, October 4, 1969. A Virginia native, he came to Staunton from Michigan State University at the age of 40, with his first wife, Jane, and their four sons.

One of his first initiatives was to form the President's Committee on the Challenges of the '70s, producing a report that confirmed Mary Baldwin's core values of openness, service, trust, and a search for truth.

During Kelly's tenure, higher education — and the nation as a whole — grappled with the Vietnam War, oil shortages, and unprecedented social change. Many formerly single-sex institutions, such as the University of Virginia, welcomed women for the first time.

At Mary Baldwin, the challenges that arose during those years included administrative turnover, budget deficits, and declining enrollment. There were also many changes to student life on



campus — regarding the role of religion, regulation of behavior, a new curriculum focused more on choice, and the beginnings of the computer age.

This was a pioneering generation of college students, and they were experimenting and pushing boundaries across society. Kelly and his colleagues upheld Mary Baldwin's academic excellence and social relevance with dedication and diplomacy.

Kelly notably oversaw the completion and opening of Pearce Science Center in 1970, and the expansion of Wenger Hall. Mary Baldwin was awarded a chapter of prestigious national honor society Phi Beta Kappa in 1971, after a three-year application process, and a chapter of college leadership honor society Omicron Delta Kappa was installed in 1976, the first one at a women's college.

During the New Dimensions campaign, in early 1975, Mary Baldwin garnered the largest gift to date of \$1 million. Kelly helped develop a carefully thought-out master plan for improving the college's finances, which provided a blueprint for many decisions in the coming years. He also championed the creation of the Advisory Board of Visitors in 1973, with a special focus on helping Mary Baldwin students with career planning, and he approved new admissions

practices that recruited in different areas and focused on more diversity.

When Kelly announced in 1975 that he planned to resign, an editorial by *Campus Comments*, Mary Baldwin's student newspaper, praised his term of service, noting "great accomplishments, unprecedented difficulties ... our appreciation, profound admiration, and personal affection ... are extended to both president and Mrs. Kelly for their service to the college." Students also created a scholarship in his honor.

Kelly was originally from Big Stone Gap, where his father was superintendent of Wise County Schools for more than 50 years. A graduate of Virginia Military Institute and Duke University, he also served as a lieutenant in the Air Force, teaching English at the newly opened Air Force Academy in Colorado. After his time as president of Mary Baldwin, he served in that role at Transylvania University in Lexington, Kentucky, and he later led the Alabama Association of Independent Colleges and Universities in Birmingham, and the Georgia Foundation of Independent Colleges in Atlanta.

Kelly is survived by his four sons with his first wife, Jane, and nine grandchildren. His second wife, Catherine Messer, preceded him in death in 2016. Kelly's obituary notes that, at the end of his life, he enjoyed reading, watching military history, drinking sweet tea, and watching football with his sons.

CLASS COLUMNS

Alumni in all classes are encouraged to send updates for inclusion in the Mary Baldwin magazine through class secretaries or directly to the Office of Alumni Engagement: alumni@marybaldwin.edu 540-887-7007 or 800-763-7359

1944 MARGARET "PEG" CREEL Miniclier writes: John and I celebrated our 71st anniversary in April 2017. We have 4 children (1 engineer, 1 nurse practitioner, 1 dentist, and 1 lawyer). They have given us 11 grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren. I'm still in charge of the library for Waterman Village.

1956 Send your class notes to: ELAINE BALDWIN elainebaldwin@comcast.net 7395 Sedgefield Ave San Ramon CA 94583 ELAINE BALDWIN writes: "Our year-long major renovations were finally completed in the summer, and we are very pleased. With my general contractor hat stowed away, there is more time for reading great books, keeping up with politics, cooking organic food, and planning a trip to France. I have been in touch this round with several classmates with whom I had been friends at Mary Baldwin, and it has been a great pleasure to get acquainted again and resume close friendships." For example, when talking with LOIS MORRISON Zeigler, I persuaded her that our classmates would be interested in her artwork, examples of which are in the collections of

the San Francisco Museum of Modern Art, the Tate in London, the National Museum of Women in the Arts, etc., as well as galleries in New Zealand and Washington state. I recommend Googling "Lois Morrison" to see some of her highly inventive, poignant, witty pieces of art. Lois and her husband, Phil, live in NJ. SUE BERRY McMurray will be teaching a course in mindfulness in the winter quarter at Duke University. NANCY PAYNE Dahl writes from Staunton: "I'm still busy with the family and my good friend Howard. My oldest granddaughter is in her 2nd year at Cornell. Her brother is a senior at Stuart Hall and applying to Stanford. He has developed a nonprofit to rebuild a school in the Philippines and is teaching computer skills. My other 6 grandchildren range in age from 6 years to 33. They are all happy and give me so much joy." PAGE GREY Dudley writes from TX that she moved there and built a house in a 55+ community after her husband, Roger, died in 2014. She has lots of family in TX — her middle daughter, 4 grandchildren, and 2 great-grandchildren. She still gets back to VA about once a year to visit her other 2 daughters and 6 other grandchildren. Page is active in a healing prayer ministry at her church and in several Bible study groups. ANN DICK Lovelady reports,

also from TX: "All is well; still married after 64 years." JEANETTE FISHER Reid wrote that she and her husband, Judd Redfield, were meeting Judd's brother at a Nature Conservancy lodge off the Georgia Coast just before Christmas and then planning to spend the holidays in Tallahassee FL. Jeanette and Judd are wonderful hosts for my annual visits to Black Mountain NC, when I have family reunions with my younger daughter, her 2 daughters, and my great-granddaughter. Jeanette and I also had a delightful lunch on my trip last May with CLARE TROTTI Stephens '56. We hope to get together with ELLEN GIBSON Shaw '56 on my next trip.

1961 CAROL WORNOM Sorensen writes: "My husband, Dick, and I moved to a continuous care facility in Williamsburg (August 2013) and have met many military friends and new ones; also my husband says 'it's like being on a cruise, except we have all our clothes with us.'"

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1965 Send your class notes to: ANN MEBANE Levine alevinevw@comcast.net 2294 Echo Hills Circle NE Atlanta GA 30345 404-248-1055 At our 50th Reunion in 2015, we all agreed that we needed to start making opportunities to get together more often, aiming for every year or so. At

CLASS COLUMNS our gathering here in Atlanta in April 2016 we selected Richmond for our next venue. We chose the weekend of Mary Baldwin's Quartoseptcentennial Homecoming, April 20–23. This way, those of us who wanted could make the trip to Staunton on Saturday. Local arrangement chairs for the Richmond gathering were GARY FLAKE and NANCY JACKSON Miller, with JUNE EARLY Fraim serving as communicator-in-chief. There were 18 others of us in Richmond, for a total of 21. In addition to the planners, attendees included: AINO BERRIS, JUDY BRYANT Skinner, STUART CHAPMAN Cobb, PICKETT CRADDOCK, POLLY DOVE Lamal, KAY EARLY Dougherty, MARY GILLESPIE Amos, FRAN GILLIAM Armstrong, JAN HADDRELL Connors, PEGGY MALONE West, EMY MARTIN Halpert, ANN MEBANE Levine, JUDY PAYNE Grey, MEREDITH ROBERTSON Heinecke, JUDY ROY Hoffman, CHARLOTTE TYSON Mewborn, BETSY WALKER Cate, and JULIE WILLMAN Norman. The charming and historic Linden Row Inn was our home base. Activities kicked off on Thursday night when the group gathered at a nearby restaurant for a fun dinner at an old-fashioned deli. The high point on our itinerary came the next morning when we met at the Virginia Museum of Fine Arts (VMFA) for a wonderful docent-led tour of various exhibits, including their remarkable collection of Fabergé eggs and the fabulous collection of mid-century jewelry by French designer Jean Schlumberger. We enjoyed a lovely lunch in the museum's café, looking out on some of the VMFA's holdings of prominent glass artist Dale Chihuly. On Saturday, the main activity in Richmond

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was a visit to the Lewis Ginter Botanical Gardens. However, some of us chose to drive to Staunton for the all-alumni Homecoming. The **EARLY** twins, **JUNE EARLY Fraim** and **KAY EARLY Dougherty**, and **JUDY ROY Hoffman** drove together, as did **PICKETT CRADDOCK** and I. When we arrived, we met up with **SUE HOOK Smith** and **ANITA "NINI" NASH** who brought **RANDI NYMAN Halsell** from the airport. Randi was 1 of the members of our class to receive an Outstanding Alumni Award. Her award was for "Service to the Community" for her long-time tireless dedication to serving community organizations and schools in the Dallas area. In addition, our classmate **DOROTHY "DOTTIE" IAFRATE Rudy** received a well-deserved "Career Achievement Award" for her work of over 40 years in promoting the learning of the Spanish language. As there were only 7 outstanding alumni awards given, we were very proud that the Class of 1965 had 2 awardees. After lunch, we took the opportunity to tour the newly remodeled Alumnae House. Then it was back to Richmond to join our friends there for dinner at Conch Republic on the James River. Also on Saturday, Emy and Peggy took the opportunity to drive and visit **HELEN YOUNG HUTCHESON Massengill**, whose husband, Rusty, had died suddenly a couple of weeks earlier. Before we all left Richmond on Sunday, we talked about where we should gather next time. The consensus was Philadelphia, and **EMY MARTIN Halpert** has already begun looking into arrangements for a late September 2018 gathering there. If you haven't already told her of your potential interest, email her at emyh215@comcast.net.

net. We also discussed trying to form a "virtual" book club of sorts. Any ideas on how we could accomplish this? If you are interested, or if you have ideas, contact **JUDY ROY Hoffman** at cagrits@comcast.net. After Richmond, Judy went home with **JUNE EARLY Fraim**, where the 2 continued to have fun, visiting wineries and historical sites in northern Virginia. June also writes that she and her husband, Tom, enjoyed a trip to CT in July on their Ranger Tug boat — another one of their high seas adventures. Then June and her twin, **KAY EARLY Dougherty**, and their husbands took an exciting month-long trip to Australia and New Zealand. June comments that they are traveling while they can still walk and stand. I echo this comment. I, too, enjoyed several late summer and early fall adventures. In August, I traveled with 3 friends on a Viking Rhine River cruise. In Sept., I went with a group from my "Senior University" for 8 days in Nova Scotia, and in Oct., a friend and I had a wonderful Road Scholar trip to the south of France — Provence and the Cote d'Azur. **PICKETT CRADDOCK** and her husband, Mike Doan, joined by **ADELE JEFFORDS Pope** and **Julie McFarland Rawson (MBC in Spain 1963–64)** took a 5-day trip to Cuba in May. **JUDY PAYNE Grey** recently retired from Drew University and has moved from NJ to Alexandria to be near her son and his family. She also enjoyed a recent trip to Africa. **SUSAN BROWNE Webb** writes that she stays close to home, keeping an eye on her elderly mother. She says that she and husband Fred enjoy a quiet and idyllic life on the Jackson River, near Lexington, where she says they spend lots of time on their porch overlooking the river, and

she invites anyone in the area to come see them. **JEAN MELVIN**, in her retirement, is living in southern NM. Lots of sunny days and only a little rain, and she says she loves it. She writes that she is painting quite a bit, and doing a few local shows. Let me hear about your travels, your connections, and your news.

1967

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1969

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JANET TURNER Barrows writes from Santa Rosa CA: "As you probably heard, there were terrible fires in our community in Oct., and they missed my home and neighborhood by 2 blocks (way too close). So our energies have been consumed with helping those who lost everything except their precious lives. Such a humbling experience, and may I never take having a home for granted again. I've been able to help some trauma victims with my profession — acupuncture — so that has been gratifying. Beyond that, I am desperately worried about our country. Nothing else seems very significant in view of the destruction to institutions, individuals, values, the environment, and I could go on indefinitely. Yet for all the darkness, I'm thrilled that WOMEN are finding voice and may save us yet. My family is just fine; I love my work; and I'm

going to do everything I can think of to get change in Congress." **MARY ELLENA Ward** writes from Lexington: "It's been a good year for catching up with MBC friends. In Feb., **PAT BRUCE Browning** and I drove to Lancaster PA for **MARTHA NUSSEAR Welzant's** 70th birthday. A good time was had by all, and we didn't feel a day older. In August, my hubby, Jim Slack, and I stopped in Sacramento to spend a day with **KATHY BISH Hanson** and her hubby, Larry, before heading up to OR for the eclipse. The eclipse was awesome, but seeing Kathy AND Larry for the first time in many years was even better. In Sept., Jim and I celebrated my own 70th. I still don't feel a day older. Rockbridge County is home to many MBC alumnae that I pal around with but Pat is the only other from the Class of '69." **JUDY GALLOWAY** writes: "**SHERRI MILLER Stephenson** and I are closing in on 50 years in New York City and we both still love it. **ELIZABETH "BUFF" HANES Thomas's** beautiful daughter, Anna, moved here last year with her young family so we have been enjoying Buff's visits enormously. I am still working (market research with G-group, www.g-groupmarketing.com), teaching (adjunct at New York University), and mentoring. My new project for 2018 is going to be getting involved with foster kids particularly those who age out of the system. The opioid crisis is creating even greater numbers of foster children and teenagers. Most have never had a traditional home, and when they reach 18 years, they are on their own. I am eagerly looking forward to our 50th Reunion." **CAROL ALSPAUGH Denton** writes from Austin TX: "Had a wonderful opportunity to get together with **SHARON GRAY**

Duncan '68 and her husband, Ted, in April. We met for a long, long lunch in Brenham TX, in between Austin and Houston, where they were visiting their daughter and grandchildren from their home in Denver. It had been way too long." **BEKAH KENNEDY Caruso** writes: "For us, 2017 was a year of little change, but much enjoyment. An Amtrak trip from Chicago to Seattle highlighted our August, with stops (3 nights in each) in Glacier National Park, Olympic National Park, and Mount Rainier National Park. We are now qualified to advise on overnight train trips. As we negotiated the border crossing into Canada, we were puzzled by the extremely heavy traffic seeking to enter the United States. Turns out it was solar eclipse time, and the state of OR was in the path. We totally missed the eclipse. By Skype and visits, Bill and I enjoy watching grandson Ian (14 months) grow; he and parents Paul and Meaghan live in Falls Church. We both are getting to take more trips to our 'Redwing Cottage' in Montreat NC, where relaxation and friends give us joy." **MARY ELLEN NAVAS** writes: "Because of the request for input for our class notes, I reviewed Bob's and my year. It was good

exercise, reminding me of the good fortune we have to be able to travel, to have healthy kids and grandkids actively in our lives, to be able to contribute in our communities, and critically to continue to learn and grow. A reminder — learning is reflected here. It falls into the category of self-help during times of discouragement, for which 2017 gave ample opportunity. I've found it challenging, as I know you have, to watch the dissembling of the many good human and environmental protections by the new administration, so in my adjustment I've included some new mantras. It's not supposed to be easy, so my path is just right when I'm working to stay on it." **EMILY MCGAY** and her husband, Roger Waterman, traveled quite a bit in 2017. Here, in her words, are some highlights: "Last Christmas we went to our condo in Kona HI. We took a side trip over to Moloka'i. Moloka'i is undeveloped and beautiful — it's where the leper colony used to be, on the Kalaupapa Peninsula. Want to learn more about it? Read the novel *Moloka'i* by Alan Brennert. Together, Roger and I have 4 children, 8 grandchildren, and 1 great-granddaughter. In February we went to AZ to see the grandkids. In March we

Why I Give Angela Blose Corley '67



When Angela Corley was searching for the right college, she found Mary Baldwin. And it checked the number one box on her wish list. It was

a place "where women would come first in the classroom and where they could have leadership roles that would help develop skills for the future," Corley said.

Now Corley — who has consistently given to her alma mater since graduation — is supporting a new generation of women at MBU. With a transformational gift, she established 25 experiential learning grants for students in the Mary Baldwin College for Women. "Our goal with the experiential learning grants is to add value and enrichment to deserving students' college experience," Corley said. "I realize that students may not be able to afford some of the enrichment activities, and I hope to defray some of those costs."

From summer research to study abroad to internship support, each awardee will receive grant funds to use toward an opportunity of her choice that promotes learning through doing.

As a student, Corley was a member of the field hockey team, student government, and an honor society. "These activities and high academic achievement helped me develop self confidence and leadership skills," she said. "I realized that anything was possible."

Corley's generosity does not stop with MBU. She and her husband, Bill, regularly give to their church and its mission program; the United Way of Central Indiana; Indianapolis Symphony Orchestra; Conner Prairie, a living history museum; and various community organizations that aid the underprivileged.

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— KATHERINE EARLY "KAY" DOUGHERTY '65

Honoring the role Mary Baldwin played in shaping her into the woman she is today, Kay made a bequest that will support an academic scholarship for young women studying mathematics.

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attended the YMCA's 17th annual Red and Black Ball, always fun. (I coordinated the first ball while I was the chief executive officer of our local YMCA, 17 years ago. I later worked as a management consultant for the YMCA of the USA (national YMCA). In April we left for Croatia — a group tour of the former Yugoslavia, 'Crossroads of the Adriatic.' Fabulous trip, one of the best ever. We toured Croatia, Montenegro, Bosnia/Herzegovina, Slovenia, and Serbia. At the end of May, we took the 5th wheel (Open Range Light) to Oklahoma City to celebrate our 70th birthday. Then in August, we took the 5th wheel to Casper WY, to see the total eclipse of the sun, camping by the North Platte River on private land owned by a friend's sister. In Sept. we went to Mazatlan and were privileged to release 25 baby turtles into the ocean. In Nov. we went on a 10-day cruise from Puerto Rico to Santo Domingo, Cartagena, Santa Marta, Curacao, Aruba, and St. Kitts, and then back to Puerto Rico. We have more pins in the map this year and too many blessings to count." **BARBARA ATWOOD** gathered at Pawleys Island SC with friends who spent their junior year in Spain, including classmates **MARTHA NANGERONI Stephens**, **ALICE HADDRELL Glasgow**, **HOLLY THOMPSON Slaney**, **CLAIR BRISCOE Baum**, **JANE MCCANDLESS Esceverri**, and **ANNE MCGEORGE Nickerson**. She writes that the group has had "a wonderful reconnection, beginning about 10 years ago." **LYNN WHITE COBB** traveled to China with her husband, Warren, and to Red Mountain Lodge in St. George UT with **BETSY NEWMAN Mason**. Lynn celebrated her 70th birthday

with a party catered by the Norfolk Zoo. **JUDITH "J" WADE** is making plans to retire this year and is also continuing to check on her 99-year-old mother who lives in a nursing home in Roanoke. J writes that her mother was accepted as an honor scholar at MBC, but instead, she lived at home and studied at Marshall College (now Marshall University) so that she could attend the Medical College of Virginia (now part of Virginia Commonwealth University). At the Medical College of Virginia, she met J's father and became an MD. As J says, "The rest is such happy history."

1970

MARGUERITE "MARCH" LACKEY Price writes: "I retired in July 2011 after 3 1/2 years with Pan American World Airways, 3 years with the Virginia Employment Commission, and 33 plus years in federal service (13 years with the Department of the Navy and 20 years with the Department of the Interior). My federal career was in the field of human resources; my last position was as the senior employee relations advisor for my bureau, which also supported human resources for the Office of the Secretary and several other organizations within the department."

1972

Send your class notes to: **JILL BUTLER Pendleton** jpend719@gmail.com **ROWENA LLOYD Turco** writes: "2017 was relatively calm except for the 2 weeks we spent in China last summer. Jean-Pierre and I worked as volunteers on the renovation of a temple in the Henan Province; we had to

get special permission as we were over the age limit (50) but held up better than some of our co-workers. I spent most of my time cleaning and laying bricks while JP was more into preparing the mortar and transporting material. Despite the heat and hard labor, we had a great time and came back feeling younger than ever. This year we celebrate JP's 70th birthday and our 40th anniversary." **CARYN GOVE Long** writes: "1 of the highlights of 2017 was attending our 45th Reunion and seeing so many of you again, as well as some of our professors. Lewis and I continue to live in the 1885 home his family has occupied since 1904. Realizing our sons may not be willing to take over the responsibility of the house, we are trying to figure out how to dispose of 3 generations of 'stuff.' We are also checking off our bucket list. Last summer we took a Holland America cruise down the Saint Lawrence Seaway, visiting Montreal, Quebec, Charlottetown, Sydney, Halifax, and Bar Harbor. In Sept., I flew to Kansas City MO to have a reunion with cousins from my mother's side of the family and saw the home where my grandparents raised the family. On Christmas Eve, I participated, with my sons, in my first 5K race ... I think it will become a new tradition for me. I am planning a trip to France with a high school classmate in April ('April in Paris'). This trip will include seeing Mont St. Michel, which has always been a place I have wanted to visit, since the days of taking high school French when a poster of the mont graced the classroom. I am also looking forward to seeing more of my high school classmates this fall when I attend my 50th reunion. My resolution for the New Year is to stay healthy and fit

enough to attend our 50th MBC Reunion in another 4 years." **RUTH LEONARD** reports: "Not much has changed since last year, with 1 exception: we will move to HI in June. I retired from the State Department in 2015, then followed my foreign service husband to Budapest and Mexico City where we live now. He will finish out in May and then we move into the sunrise. I guess I've done it backwards: traveling the world, buying (not selling) a house, and retiring in that order. My second career as a diplomat was truly amazing (my first was a librarian, and that still has a warm spot in my heart). Enjoying visits with relatives in their 90s and 100s, siblings, their kids, and my husband's kids and grandkids. I look forward to ventures in the Pacific Breeze. Would love to hear from any MBC classmates." **JILL BUTLER Pendleton** adds: "Many thanks to Susan Myers who hosted our 45th Reunion at her beautiful home in Staunton. We had a great time, and it was a special treat to have 4 of our favorite professors there: Ben Smith, Jim Lott, Ethel Smeak, and Betty Kegley."

1974

Send your class notes to: **KATY COLVILLE Reid** katyreid@doublejenterprises.com **JUDITH SYDNOR McNeel** writes: "Married 41 years to Douglas McNeel (W&L '74 and Law '78). Living near Helotes TX — 'Gallagher Ranch.' Enjoy attending First Presbyterian Church — San Antonio. Mom to Lewis Maverick McNeel and Suzanne McNeel Wadsworth. Granny to Luna (7), Moira (3), and Asa (1)."

1975

Send your class notes to: **MARGARET STONEBURNER Baker** mbakermom@hotmail.com

1977

PAMELA MARTIN Comstock has been elected to the board of directors for Virginia Commonwealth Bank Financial Group. She is chairman of the board for the Cameron Foundation, a health legacy foundation, in Petersburg and is a past president of the Colonial Heights Chamber of Commerce. She is also a member of the John Tyler Community College Foundation, Swift Creek Mill Theatre, the Colonial Heights Building Trades Foundation, and CultureWorks boards, and is a member of the Colonial Heights Economic Development Authority.

1980

Send your class notes to: **LAURA REED Bivans** 19 Turkey Foot Ct Darnestown MD 20878-3645 dnlbivans34@verizon.net **LAURA REED Bivans** is busy at her computer trying to think up fun things to tell. Please help her either by email dnlbivans34@verizon.net, by Facebook (Laura Reed Bivans), or call 301-977-4734. She would love to let everyone know what you're up to. She writes: "Thank goodness 2017 is over: not sure about the rest of you, but fewer weddings and baby showers and more funerals. Hopefully 2018 will be better. I enjoy hearing from you all and seeing all the fun stuff you do on Facebook. I feel lucky because I get to keep up with everyone. **LISA**

PETTY '80 calls about once a month. She's in Greensboro NC in an assisted living facility near her parents. She sings in the choir, listens to lots of books, plays games, and in general is enjoying life. She has started reciting her own poems when the spirit moves her. **REBECCA LOVINGOOD '82** still works for the government. She's traveling around the world learning more about our weather, and she is a greyhound rescue mom who has 3 dogs. Dave and I are still plugging along. I'm still with Head Start teaching the 4 year olds. 2 more years and I hope to retire. Our rescue dog, Miss Maggie, can't wait for that. Dave is still with the Department of Energy and very active sports-wise. **MARGARET BIVANS '10** has moved to PA with her boyfriend, just over the MD line. It's a cute house, and they also have 2 rescue dogs. She's working at the Frost School for teens with autism. Most of her spare time is spent driving back and forth to work. Thomas is now in Vail CO grading the slopes, and he plans on staying there this summer and becoming a logger. If it doesn't work out he'll go back to harvesting. At Christmas, we had 4 MBC grads all together spanning decades. My neighbor **CINDY GOELTZ Willkomm '66**, her roommate **NANCY YATES Woodall '66**, sister **HEIDI GOELTZ Clemmer '78**, and I were all at a party at Cindy's. It was fun talking about the 'old days.'" **SANFORD JONES McAllister** writes: "2017 was especially lucky for me as several trips gave me a chance to visit with some MBC classmates. In April, my husband, Gene, had an appointment in Houston TX, and we got to visit with **JO O'NEAL Brueggeman '80**. In May, Gene had a board

meeting in Washington DC that I tagged along to and I got to visit with **SALLY ADAMS Thornberry '80**, **MELANIE BARBER '80**, and **MARY MINICHAN Toler '80**. In June, I was passing through Charlotte NC and got to see **MARGARET CHAPMAN Jackson '80**, and in August, we went to CT for the wedding of **SARAH "SALLY" AHERN MacDougall's '80** daughter. All were special visits." **SARAH "SALLY" AHERN MacDougall** writes and shares some pictures from daughter Sarah MacDougall and son-in-law Steven Puffer's Sept. wedding in Westbrook CT. Sally was so delighted to have her roommate, **SANFORD JONES McAllister '80**, and her husband, Gene, attend. It was a joyous occasion. **LAURA PETERS Wilson** writes: "Pat (VMI '78) and I are doing well in Memphis TN. We've been here for 20 years with Pat working for Medtronic in their spine division, and we raised our beautiful children here. We're now empty nesters with our daughter, Caroline, living in Columbus OH working for Limited Brands. She married in 2014 to the love of her life and blessed us last year with a beautiful grandson, Parker. Our son lives in Memphis TN and runs his own landscaping company. He's 24 and is already taking on commercial contracts and growing his business year after year ... he's met a beautiful girl from NY who's a teacher, and we're hopeful he'll settle down with her at some point. Pat and I are looking at retirement somewhere in VA between Fredericksburg and Lexington ... our hope is for us to start a small business someplace ... if anyone is coming through Memphis, our home is always open for you." **KAREN PIETROWSKI Malcolm**

writes that she has retired to Coeur d'Alene ID with husband Eryx Malcolm. They frequent Northern Virginia to visit family, including their 2-year-old grandson. **TORI GOODWIN Hardy** writes: "It's been a busy year for us, with a wedding of daughter Kaitlin in Nashville in May and the birth of our second grandchild, first grandson, to daughter Meg and her husband in Denver in August. With my 60th birthday rapidly approaching, I also had a bucket list trip of a week of horseback riding on the OR Coast with some old fox hunting friends. Still living in Charleston WV, active in my church and garden club, and I am lucky enough to have my Mom doing well and living nearby. It's been a busy week: I am in Denver with grandkids; headed to Vail CO for the weekend with Meg and her family and son Patrick who lives in Boulder CO; home; and then to Nashville to see the new house daughter Kaitlin and her husband bought. Fun times, remembering all the excitement of when we first had babies, and were buying our first house." **ANN GREGORY Cooligan** writes: "MBC trained me well to be a teacher as I'm in my 37th year since graduating in 1980. Besides hanging out in the math classroom with 7th graders, I live with my husband, Russell, in Leominster MA where we've been for the last 15 years. Our daughter, Emily, lives in Charlotte NC and works for an IT company called Peak 10. We were just there over Columbus Day weekend and had a ball with her and her many friends. With retirement right around the corner, Russ and I hope to travel and reconnect with old friends. We're ready to experience a bourbon tour.

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1996

EMILY Hancock writes that she is the founder of St. Brigid Press (stbrigidpress.net), a letterpress printing and publishing company in Afton. She produces books, journals, cards, and other items, using handset metal and wood type on vintage foot- or hand-powered presses. Her books have received numerous accolades and are housed in private and special collections in the United States, United Kingdom, France, China, and elsewhere. Her most recent publication is a collection of her new and selected poems, *The Open Gate*.

1998

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In June 2017, **EMILY WATSON Bertsch** completed her MS in nursing at Chamberlain University and shortly after moved from CO to CA due to husband Matt's service in the Air Force. After becoming board certified she started a new job as a nurse practitioner in an oncology office. Her boys, Jack and Chase, are 11 and 8 and are active in scouting and sports.

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2004

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SARAH HATFIELD Nichols Krystal Rutledge writes: "I wanted to provide a recent accomplishment of mine. I graduated from Hagerstown College with a degree in dental hygiene, and I am now a licensed dental hygienist as of May 2017. I credit Mary Baldwin with instilling in me the value of education and the pride that comes with education."

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2008

MALLORY SHOWALTER Churning writes: "My husband, Matthew, and I welcomed our second son, Henry Mark, on Nov. 9, 2017. Shortly after Henry's arrival, I finished my MBA in Healthcare Management."

2009

CATHERINE KAMMER Reidenbach reports that on Oct. 1, 2016, Class of 2009 squirrels **SARAH TYNDALL**, **STERLING SHELLEY DeRusso** (bridesmaid), and **CASBY STAINBACK Stahlman** celebrated her marriage to Harry Reidenbach. Mr. and Mrs. Reidenbach happily reside in Virginia Beach.

2011

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ANNAMARIE LOSH lives in Stuarts Draft and after 4 years of being an aide in the public school system was hired in

Sept. as a full-time teacher for Head Start (3–4 year olds) in Augusta County Public Schools. **CAIT HENCK** recently moved to Bristol, United Kingdom, for a job implementing electronic health care software for a specialty children's hospital, Great Ormond Street Hospital for Children, in central London. The project is scheduled to close and the system to go live on April 21, 2019. **CANDICE BLAZEJAK** just celebrated her 1-year anniversary with the National Archives and Records Administration on Dec. 27. She also celebrated her 2-year anniversary working for the government on Sept. 21, 2017.

ARRIVALS

AMANDA FOSKEY Norman '05 and Stewart: a daughter, Afton Norman, September 22, 2015
MALLORY SHOWALTER Churning '08 and Matthew: a son, Henry Mark, November 9, 2017
KELLY REESE Kaufman '01 and Evan: a daughter, Margaret Staver Joy, January 3, 2017
THERESA ROLLISON '03 and Kristy: a daughter, Hazel Louise, May 2, 2018

MARRIAGES

MARGARET SAUNDERS Hayes Alligood '62 to Buddy Alligood, February 14, 2016

DEATHS

DONNA LOU ANDERSON Cather '57, April 30, 2014
PERRY WORNOM Moore '58, June 3, 2015
ELIZABETH LANKFORD Thomas '49, June 22, 2016
FANNY GRIZZARD Hughes '46, October 22, 2016

ELIZABETH "BETSY" PENNEY Willis '62, January 25, 2017
MARY MARGARET HIGGINS Buford '47, April 16, 2017
MARGARET ANN NEWMAN Avent '49, April 28, 2017
ANNETTE PETER Neel '49, May 10, 2017
GLADA MOSES Beard '42, May 31, 2017
ESTELLE KAUFFMAN Kohn '53, June 13, 2017
NANCY CLARK McLennan '41, mother of **GAIL MCLENNAN King '69**, August 16, 2017
ELIZABETH "BETTY" PARKER Davis '36, August 21, 2017
ROBERT W. RUDOLPH '85, August 26, 2017
JULIA DEENER Brent '58, August 28, 2017
MARGARET HOOKS Wilson '49, September 1, 2017
MYRTLE FOY Hennis '39, September 11, 2017
ELIZABETH WALSH Read '44, September 19, 2017
HACEL NELLE ASTIN Buchanan Nelson Spillman '39, September 19, 2017
HELEN HORD Testerman '50, September 25, 2017
KATHERINE KIVLIGHAN Carter '44, sister of **ANN KIVLIGHAN MacLeod '44**, October 4, 2017
MARTHA "MARTY" HOWARD Patten '68, October 12, 2017
ELIZABETH LEATH STIGLER Pearce '67, October 15, 2017
JULIE WATKINS Hall '99, October 18, 2017
MARILYN NEWSON McHaney '43, mother-in-law of **CARMEN HOLDEN McHaney '73**, October 20, 2017
HELEN WALKER Jennings '57, November 13, 2017
ELIZABETH ANN WITHROW Turner '58, November 21, 2017
LETITIA SHAW SIMMONS McClellan '50, November 24, 2017
RUTH DEGRAFF Condra '51, November 27, 2017
ANITA THEE Graham '50, December 8, 2017
ELIZABETH PLOWMAN '58, December 13, 2017

DOROTHY WILSON Vincent '48, December 14, 2017
SHERRIL GERDING Miller '57, December 16, 2017
BARBARA LEMMOND Graham '40, December 17, 2017
BEVERLY HOPE WILLIAMS Guiles '86, December 18, 2017
JO ELLEN JENNETTE Luscombe '64, December 18, 2017
LINDA DOLLY Hammack '62, December 20, 2017
ELIZABETH USHER Laffitte '49, mother of **ELIZABETH LAFFITTE Malinowski '81**, December 23, 2017
NANCY JANE Draper '51, January 2, 2018
LOUISE FOWLKES Kegley '54, January 6, 2018
CLAIRE FONTAINE Rice '56, January 7, 2018
DAISY JANE PROFFIT Pruett '46, mother of **SUSAN PRUETT Caldrony '72**, January 8, 2018
RACHEL MERRITT Bell '46, grandmother of **JENNIFER RINACA Hudgins '02**, January 13, 2018
GENOAH R. Fox '93, January 15, 2018
FRANCES SLEDGE Nicrosi '41, January 15, 2018
MARTHA SPROUSE Stoops '43, January 24, 2018
SUSAN HARRIS '62, Date Unknown

OUR CONDOLENCES

to members of the Mary Baldwin community who lost loved ones

SHANNON EPPS-May '11 on the passing of her father, **Tracy Lynn Epps**, October 18, 2017.
The family of **Lee Cochran**, Algernon Sydney Sullivan awardee and mother of former Board of Trustees member Stuart Cochran, who passed away December 19, 2017.
The family of **Lynne Rudder Baker**, Mary Baldwin professor 1972–76, who passed away December 24, 2017.
The family of **Dianne R. Mason**, widow of Mary Baldwin Professor of Political Philosophy **David T. Mason**, who passed away in 2017.

Why I Volunteer Melissa Patrick '78



PHOTO COURTESY OF THE NEWS LEADER

In high school, Staunton native Melissa Patrick seemed destined to attend Mary Baldwin. Her father was a professor and her two older sisters attended, but Patrick declared she would go to a different college. Her parents agreed she could transfer after one year at Mary Baldwin.

As it turns out, Patrick was hooked from the beginning, and never thought about transferring.

She got involved on campus right away. "I wanted to be as fully engaged in the life of the college as possible," she said. Patrick served in student government as president of the day students and then later as honor council representative. She was also the traveling manager for the tennis team and manager of the basketball team.

During her sophomore year, Patrick became active in Army ROTC, traveling to Blue Ridge Community College and James Madison University to pursue a commission. Patrick's experience at Mary Baldwin was essential to her success in a 28-year Army career.

"For my entire adult life, I have served and worked in an overwhelmingly male and very masculine environment, where women often encounter skepticism, if not hostility," Patrick said. "Mary Baldwin's supportive environment encouraged me to find my voice, believe in myself, and believe that I was well prepared to do anything."

Since its founding, Patrick has been a dedicated supporter of MBU's Virginia Women's Institute for Leadership (VWIL). "One of my greatest joys has been working with the women of the VWIL program," said Patrick. "Whether it is counseling and mentoring cadets and graduates or being a cheerleader to highlight accomplishments and successes."

In addition to her work with VWIL, Patrick spent six years on the Advisory Board of Visitors and serves as her class Reunion chair. Outside of the MBU community, Patrick is an elder and Sunday school teacher at her church, and she volunteers at the food pantry and as a Veterans of Foreign Wars District Commander, overseeing 12 posts in the Shenandoah Valley.

"Even now," Patrick said, "I encounter crusty old soldiers who want to know 'what's a woman doing here?'" Mary Baldwin was the perfect place to develop the self-confidence, courage, and skills needed to excel in such an environment."



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ON THE MAP

YOUNG ALUMS ACTIVATE THEIR MBU DEGREES



KAUSHA PARRISH '17
MIDDLESEX, VIRGINIA

Kausha Parrish earned her bachelor's degree — the first in her family to do so — in business with a dual emphasis in human resources and management in 2017, but she wasn't finished with MBU. She decided to stay in Staunton and enroll in MBU's new master of business administration (MBA) program from which she graduated in May. "Not only did Mary Baldwin provide me with the opportunity to narrow down my career path, but it also provided me with opportunities to grow as a leader through programs like the Ida B. Wells gateway," Parrish said. One of her favorite memories from her time as an undergraduate was when Associate Professor of Business Claire Kent gamified the classroom. "Professor Kent made Organizational Behavior a fun and interesting class," said Parrish. "She had us participate in games as a way to understand how someone's interpretation of something can vary from your own." Now that Parrish has earned her MBA, she plans to pursue a job as a human resource specialist in the civilian sector of the military.



HANNAH VARGASON '09
MARYLAND

After Hannah Vargason graduated from Mary Baldwin in 2009 as a Bailey Honors Scholar, she dedicated her time to environmental sustainability and community development in western Maryland. She works for a community development organization that provides financing and advising to environmentally and socially responsible small businesses across central Appalachia and the southeast. Vargason attributes her passion for the industry to her experience at MBU. "MBU is fundamental to who I am and what I do," she said. "Socially conscious mentors in economics and anthropology influenced my interests and career choices, i.e. a commitment to environmental sustainability and nonprofit-sector work." MBU and Staunton offered her many opportunities for experiential learning and immersing herself in culture and the natural environment. Looking back on her time at MBU, some of her fondest memories include "really engaging classes in women's labor economics, the anthropology of art, and poetry and Asian literature; an internship with the Woodrow Wilson Presidential Library; plays at the American Shakespeare Center; hiking the national forests; and spending hours upon hours with friends at the coffee shop."



SOPHIA STONE '15
WASHINGTON, D.C.

Sophia Stone graduated with a triple major in biology, chemistry, and psychology. "I came to Mary Baldwin naive to research and STEM in general, and there is no way faculty would have let me walk into their labs at a larger university with just a semester of college under my belt and never having taken a biology class," she said. "But at Mary Baldwin, I was given those opportunities, and I didn't appreciate how rare and special that was at the time. I think it's true that you never really know what someone is capable of until you give them a chance, and I was given a lot of chances at Mary Baldwin." Stone works as the Pharmacy College Admissions Test content director at Next Step Test Prep, a pre-health test preparation company. In her job communicating science and math to future health professionals, she gets to use every day what she learned at Mary Baldwin. "I give a lot of credit to my professors for stimulating my interest in science," she said, "and in my experience, teaching was the No. 1 priority of professors there, and that resulted in some really fantastic learning experiences."



ELIZABETH "LIZ" HILL '03
WASHINGTON, D.C.

After crossing the Commencement stage with a bachelor of arts in music performance, alumna Liz Hill went on to earn her master of music in piano performance from James Madison University and her doctor of musical arts in chamber music from The Catholic University of America. A concert pianist in Washington, D.C., Hill's recent highlights include performances at the Czech Embassy; the Robert Schumann Haus in Zwickau, Germany; a gorgeous crypt church in New York City that is more than 100 years old; and delivering a TEDx talk. Upcoming performances will take her to Disney World, Belgium, and Austria. MBU's opportunities for student leadership laid the groundwork for her exciting career. "As a freshman, I would have never guessed that I'd be so involved in leadership," Hill said, "but the climate of the school and the preservation of her history and traditions became more and more important to me each year." She said some of her best memories of Mary Baldwin include "close connections with my teachers, who helped me believe that my options were limitless." Hill is also a member of MBU's Advisory Board of Visitors.



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FARRAH-AMOY FULLERTON '17
BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA

With a biology major and double minor in physics and chemistry, Farrah-Amoy Fullerton found at MBU the crucial preparation she needed for medical school. She learned skills like time management and how to critically dissect and tackle real-world problems. MBU professors also took the time to work with her one-on-one to chart a path from her university studies through graduation and beyond. "As my academic advisor, Paul Deeble made an effort to make sure I was taking the steps necessary to realize my goal of becoming a physician," she said. "To me, it felt as if he made it his priority. In addition, Nadine Gergel-Hackett and Maria Craig exposed me to other doctoral programs in STEM, giving me a comprehensive view of the various paths I could take into my future. It is because of them that I continue to walk confidently into my new profession." Fullerton is now pursuing her doctor of medicine at the University of Alabama School of Medicine in Birmingham, and she plans on becoming an OB/GYN specializing in reproductive health and fertility.



BROOKE WILES '17
NEW YORK, NEW YORK

The summer before her senior year, Brooke Wiles traveled to Paris to put her biology major into action, working as an intern for the Molecular Retrovirology Lab at the Institut Pasteur. And her global approach to the study of science and health has continued. After graduating from MBU, Wiles received a substantial scholarship to attend the College of Global Public Health at New York University. "MBU gave me the opportunity to exercise my skills as a researcher early on," she said. "The skills I acquired from these projects have been vital to my success in graduate school. Mary Baldwin offered me the hands-on education I needed." In her cross-continental master's program, she has studied in residence at two of NYU's global sites: Accra, Ghana, during fall semester and Florence, Italy, last spring. Wiles graduated with her master of public health in May, and she anticipates enrolling in a PhD program in public health or starting a career in her field.



DAMBA KOROMA '15
BOYNTON BEACH, FLORIDA

A native of Sierra Leone and survivor of its brutal civil war, Damba Koroma had her arm severed by teenage rebel forces at age 5, as did her mother. In 2000, she and five other children were chosen to come to the United States and be fitted with prosthetics. All the children ended up staying in this country, and Koroma was adopted by a couple from Sierra Leone who lived near Washington, D.C. At MBU, Koroma majored in political science and minored in pre-law, and was active in the Student Government Association and Residence Hall Association. Her birthday also fell on or near Apple Day each year, so she could always celebrate by not having class. "All the skills I learned at MBU as a leader, I am incorporating today in my professional and non-professional life," she said. "MBU taught me the value of true friendship and how to become an independent individual and taught me how to open my wings and fly." Dedicated to giving back to her community, Koroma works in West Palm Beach as a peer specialist at The Lord's Place, a nonprofit organization working to break the cycle of homelessness. She has also applied to become an American citizen.



AMANDA SLEMAKER '15
MIAMI, FLORIDA

Amanda Slemaker's major in business with an emphasis in sustainability included research on a certified B corporation with Professor and Dean of the College of Business and Professional Studies Joe Sprangel. That research opportunity led to her first job at the same organization she studied: Impact Makers, a management and technology consulting firm that also gives back to the community. "While Mary Baldwin was a wonderful school, I would say that Dr. Sprangel was the individual who helped me the most in defining my path," she said. "He believed in me from day one, and through our research and traveling to conferences, I gained the confidence and basic business knowledge that I needed to be a successful woman in a male-dominated field." Slemaker was actively involved in student leadership and tutoring at MBU, which also helped hone her leadership skills. She recently moved to Miami to pursue a career in commercial insurance, working toward multiple certifications for different industries including marine and construction.

RUTH SIBONI '10
MOUNTAIN VIEW, CALIFORNIA

"During my time at MBU, I worked as a research student with Dr. [Louise] Freeman on her neurobiology work," said Ruth Siboni. "That experience allowed me to go to my first ever scientific conference — and it was an international conference, no less. That was the first time I was surrounded by professional researchers from other universities, and I was hooked immediately. I knew from then on that I wanted to be a scientist." And a scientist she is — Siboni works for NASA. After recently moving from NASA's Washington, D.C., headquarters to the Ames Research Center in California, she is a project scientist, helping scientists formulate requirements for their research missions. Her position was previously life scientist for NASA's Space Life and Physical Sciences Research Division, and her favorite part involved writing policy memoranda about scientific research transparency and more efficient ways of bringing technological innovation to the government. A biology and psychology major with a minor in chemistry at Mary Baldwin, Siboni came to college after her junior year in high school. "My absolute fondest memories are based in the friendships I developed during my time as a Baldwin woman," she said. "Since I was young when I started, I was pretty shy — but I met like-minded girls who were career-driven, strong, and fearless, and we grew up together during those four years and have remained friends to this day."



ASTRID SALARDA '14
HOUSTON, TEXAS

A business administration major with a minor in marketing at MBU, Astrid Salarda now works for Dini Spheris, a consulting firm in Houston specializing in nonprofit capital and endowment campaigns and major gift programs. In a city still recovering from the devastation of Hurricane Harvey, she and her colleagues have only recently been able to move back into their office. She serves as a consulting projects manager and works with a team of consultants to provide various fundraising/campaign services. Salarda credits MBU with providing her a vision for her future career. "From the very beginning, I worked with faculty and staff to figure out what I wanted to do after graduation, and so I leveraged my coursework, community engagement, internships, and faculty collaborations in order to have a solid résumé after graduation and start a career in the nonprofit sector," she said. "I still apply the skill set and experience I acquired during college to what I am doing now."






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