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A WINNING STRATEGY

The feeling inside the Physical Activities Center was electric. With a conference tournament game on the line, I joined a capacity crowd of students, faculty, staff, parents, and friends on February 13 to watch our women's basketball team surge, fight back, persist, scrap some more, and finally emerge victorious against North Carolina Wesleyan in a thrilling overtime win 114–108.

We advanced in the tournament and netted two of the USA South Conference's top three awards — Rookie of the Year for Leah Calhoun and Coach of the Year for Ross James. The moment, our first time hosting a conference tournament game, was historic. It was exciting. And in that final 60 seconds of regulation play, with the scoreboard locked at 99–99, each heart in that gym pounding, I couldn't help but see that the success of the Fighting Squirrels this season is truly a metaphor for the incredible momentum we are all experiencing at MBU.

This win seemed to represent all the wins of the past year. Our strategy to invest in athletics, to dare prospective students to see themselves as part of a close-knit community — all culminated in the largest freshman class, the launch of new sports programs, and this emotional moment in which we all felt like one MBU family.

Exciting news and positive signs are around every corner. Coming off of a record-breaking year of undergraduate enrollment, right now we're on pace to exceed last year's matriculation. We graduated more students in MBU Online than ever before in the program's 40-year history and look to repeat that trend this spring.

We've launched more opportunities for our students this year — including a new College of Visual and Performing Arts and a slate of new online offerings at Murphy Deming College of Health Sciences (p. 26). We continue to be impressed with outcomes of our alumni, like Cynthia Kirkland, a 2012 art history graduate who is living out her dream working on costume creation for the Walt Disney Company (p. 50).

With success as our backdrop, we have undertaken an update of the university's strategic plan that will carry us to 2025. Our guiding principle is to live our mission, growing to 2,500 students, as a distinctive, student-centered small university.

Our changing world needs more Mary Baldwin graduates. And MBU is exceptionally well prepared to offer students the kind of education they will need to lead and succeed in the future. Our alumni are the embodiment of Mary Baldwin as citizens empowered to impact the world around them. Our updated strategic plan features as a key goal: engaging and equipping our alumni to pursue lifelong learning and to inspire the students who follow them. Please look for communication about the all-alumni survey we will distribute in May. We want and value the input of every graduate.

It will require hard work to continue to meet our strategic imperatives. But just like the Fighting Squirrels on the basketball court this season, I believe our MBU family has the strength, determination, heart, and belief in our own destiny to secure a winning future.



Pamela Fox

Pamela R. Fox
President

MBU NEWS

NEWS NOTES

Newsmakers and events
that captured attention



Kick-Start to Men's Soccer

It was a Cinderella-story start for the MBU men's soccer club. In a preseason matchup on August 23, and with only four days of practice under their belts, the Fighting Squirrels handily defeated the Southern Virginia University (SVU) Knights 2-0 in their collegiate debut — and the debut of any men's team in MBU's 177-year history.



A Living Icon

At 88 years old, she tells us *Sí Se Puede*, "Yes, we can." Members of the MBU family met acclaimed labor rights activist Dolores Huerta at a documentary screening in Winchester about her life and work. "Dolores Huerta has inspired me immensely in my own thesis research about Mexican immigrants and what it means to be a 'citizen' in the United States," said history major Katerin Collazo '19 (pictured with Huerta).



Healthcare for the Homeless

It's a win-win. Social work majors help the homeless get access to the care and education they need, and the students also gain skills in case management that are essential to their future careers. A partnership with Augusta Health and the Valley Mission, Healthcare for the Homeless provides medical and mental health screenings; flu vaccines and basic first aid; and help arranging follow-up care.

PT Day of Service

Working to help prevent falls, a leading cause of injury among older adults, physical therapy (PT) graduate students at Murphy Deming College of Health Sciences conducted fall risk screenings in October for 78 local adults aged 55 and older. In partnership with Augusta Health, they helped clients review medications, consulted on making home environments safer, and conducted balance assessments.

Rankings Rise

On the up and up. MBU continues to rise on the list of Best Regional Universities in the South, as ranked by *U.S. News & World Report*. The university came in at No. 31 for 2019, up 12 from last year (that's a cumulative increase of 21 spots over the past two years). MBU also rose to the No. 7 spot for Best Value in the South and No. 21 for Best Colleges for Veterans.



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Election Night Live

Results in real time. More than 100 students contributed to the Election Live broadcast, an annual, non-partisan effort to track, film, and report on the midterms for the MBU community, now in its seventh year. Leading up to Election Day, students campaigned hard for voter registration and participation. And those results are in, too: the voting rate at MBU rose from 21 percent of students in 2014 to 61.2 percent in 2016 (2016 voting rate for all college campuses was 50.4 percent), while the registration rate at MBU went from 68.3 to 83.8 percent. (Source: National Study of Learning, Voting, and Engagement)



The Numbers Are In

It's official. Fall census numbers confirmed that this year MBU welcomed the largest first-year class in university history, while also enjoying steady enrollment across all programs. Four hundred twenty-eight new first-years call the Staunton campus home, a 222 percent increase over fall 2017. Total student population came in at 1,902, a 14 percent rise in overall enrollment compared to 2017, and an 11 percent increase over a five-year period.



Family Weekend Fun

Getting the #MBUfamily together. Students and their families were invited to experience campus during a special weekend of events including a Fighting Squirrels tailgate and soccer matches, sophisticated buffet dinner at Hunt, and little siblings ice cream social.



PHOTO BY JAMIE NEWMAN

Co-working It

Collaborate to innovate. MBU's master of business administration program has a new home in Staunton's Innovation Hub, a multi-purpose complex downtown that brings together businesses, nonprofits, and spaces for conferences, co-working, and gathering. It's meant to cultivate entrepreneurship and resource-sharing, fitting nicely with an MBA program that promotes business as a force for good in society.



Art Matters

It's in the making. At the beginning of spring semester, MBU announced the creation of the university's fifth college, the College of Visual and Performing Arts. "The entire impetus behind this initiative was to spotlight our considerable artistic strengths at MBU, making visible to Staunton and the world our programs in theatre, music, dance, and the visual arts, including film," said Paul Menzer, who was named dean of the new college.

CORPS LEADER

SIGNATURE PROFILE SERIES VOLUME 3:

AIR FORCE HAS OFFERED
FRESCH FULL RIDE TO
MEDICAL SCHOOL





Caroline Fresch '19 had been part of ROTC for so long that it seemed weird for her to go to school without wearing a uniform once a week. So when she came to Mary Baldwin University, she knew that she wanted to join the Virginia Women's Institute for Leadership (VWIL), the nation's only all-women cadet corps.

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"Going into VWIL, I thought it would just be like any other military college," said Fresch. "But I think the thing to note about it is why I stayed — because it presents a lot of opportunities you don't get as a traditional student. As a living-learning community, we're providing experiences that you can apply to your day-to-day life and larger decisions."

Fresch's family has a long history of attending Penn State. But since the school has a larger population than any town she's ever lived in, Fresch wanted to go somewhere with a small-town feel, like where she grew up in Charles Town, West Virginia. Mary Baldwin has provided her with that environment, as well as the leadership and service opportunities she finds so important to her self-development. Fresch recently studied abroad in Grenoble, France, is a class of 2019 student marshal, and works as an administrative assistant to VWIL Commandant Brig. Gen. Teresa Djuric.

As first captain of VWIL, Fresch is the organization's highest-ranking cadet. Under her direction, the corps now offers the chance to shadow members of the cadet staff and provides mentors to all its first-year students. All of this programming stems from her personal leadership philosophy: you can't consider yourself a good leader unless

you leave behind a better one than yourself.

That attitude also manifests itself outside of VWIL. Fresch is the founding president of the MBU branch of Net Impact, a community service organization with an environmental focus, and she spends much of her time guiding other officers, so the group can carry out its mission after she leaves. Fresch also serves as a mentor in multiple STEM fields through Mary Baldwin's Subject Tutoring Program.

"I love science," she said. "All other fields can't exist without the study of what we are. But even in college, you find students who shy away from taking science classes. If we consider what it means to be a knowledgeable person, you can't take science out of the equation. And I love teaching. My mom is a teacher, so it's in my blood to help people come to an understanding of something."

Growing up, she was always interested in healing. When she was younger, Fresch wanted to go into psychiatry before considering nursing and becoming a physician assistant. Now she wants to be a doctor in the U.S. Air Force and feels prepared thanks to her experiences at MBU. After earning a biology degree and chemistry minor, Fresch plans to attend medical school, with a full-ride provided by the Air Force Health Professions Scholarship.

"Mary Baldwin is going to teach you what you need for your degree," said Fresch. "But it also provides so many other opportunities. A leader is not a static person, and I see personal development as a measure of success. Baldwin provides that."

Connecting Through Virginia Alumni Chapters

Channeling *The Great Gatsby* at The Cavalier, a newly restored period hotel. A behind-the-scenes vineyard tour with wine tastings straight from the barrel. Networking with a side of karaoke.

No matter the setting, MBU chapter gatherings in Staunton, Roanoke, Richmond, and Hampton Roads bring alumni together for fun, fellowship, and building connections.

Over the past year, dedicated alumni volunteers and the Office of Alumni Engagement have worked to create a wealth of events that highlight MBU's vibrant alumni community and let former students know how to get involved with Mary Baldwin and current students.

"Mary Baldwin alumni have a legacy of connecting with each other to continue the Baldwin experience long after graduation," said Amy Davenport, associate director of alumni engagement. "From this vibrant historical legacy the MBU Alumni Chapters tagline was born: Connect. Collaborate. Celebrate."

This initiative aims to grow and sustain alumni-led chapters with support from the MBU alumni office. In addition to events, the office has also developed a strategic plan and infrastructure guides for chapters, and it serves as the campus liaison with the Alumni Association Board of Directors.

"I am so excited to see the momentum that Alumni Engagement has been able to establish with local chapters in such a short time," said Jules Moss '92, president-elect of the Alumni Board and chair of the Engagement Committee. "I look forward to the committee continuing to work with Amy to expand our chapters nationally and bring diverse and exciting programs and events to our alumni."

To learn more about alumni chapters or how to help plan a gathering, please reach out to Davenport at adavenport@marybaldwin.edu.



The RoanokeMBU Chapter celebrates come rain or shine: (l-r) Mallory Churning '08, Katy Cookston '08, Ginny Savage '69, Betsy McLeod '02, Rae Cable '92, Jessie Pretz '10, and Amy Davenport, associate director of alumni engagement.

"As a Virginia Women's Institute for Leadership graduate, I had the honor of meeting a former Alumni Board member who served as an advocate of the corps during its inception and creation. It was incredible to be able to thank her for her support and leadership."

— Mallory Churning '08



Clair Carter Bell '76 (l), 2018 Alumni Award recipient, and Dana Flanders '82 (r) chat during a private tour and wine tasting with at Barren Ridge Vineyards in Fishersville.

"I love attending Mary Baldwin chapter events to see old friends and to meet younger alumni and learn about their experiences and what they are doing after graduation."

— Clair Carter Bell '76



Tatiana Bryant '17 (l) and current student Shawnee Lee '19 get the best of both worlds at a Staunton-Augusta-Waynesboro Alumni Chapter event: karaoke plus networking. Lee was able to meet local professionals in counseling, criminal justice, and real estate.

"What motivates me most to stay connected with my fellow squirrels is not only supporting and encouraging one another, but also working to better assist current students in their journey."

— Tatiana Bryant '17



Members of MBU's soccer program and the Virginia Women's Institute for Leadership gather in front of the construction site to thank Peter Worth for his support.

FIELD OF DREAMS SMA Alumnus Gift Creates World-Class Platform

When Peter Worth was 12 years old and about to enter eighth grade, he came to Staunton to attend Staunton Military Academy (SMA), now part of MBU's upper campus. In his five years as a student, cadet, and athlete, he could often be found on Kable Field, as it was then known, running and drilling with his classmates.

Now with a gift of \$450,000 to the university in honor of his time at SMA, Worth is fueling the transformation of the same field he once marched on as a young man. Located beside the Physical Activities Center, SMA Worth Field will be a world-class platform for MBU's soccer program and the Virginia Women's Institute for Leadership (VWIL).

As the founder and chairman/CEO of American Benefits Consulting, Worth has more than 40 years of experience in insurance and benefits for some of the world's largest companies.

"I am very pleased and fortunate to be able to do this, and it is very meaningful to me," Worth said. "I had my first total education at Staunton Military Academy, and it was where I grew up. I am very appreciative of Mary Baldwin coming in and joining with SMA to continue our traditions through the cadet corps. With this gift, I want to honor and preserve what it meant to attend SMA."

Work began last spring to build MBU's first

collegiate, regulation-size soccer field, planted with Northbridge Bermuda grass. A recreational track will also surround the field with fitness lanes for all students to enjoy. SMA Worth Field will also showcase the precision and ceremony of VWIL parades, carrying the legacy of SMA into the future.

"It is such an honor to be able to call it 'my parade field and my soccer field' — not only for me, but for MBU and the corps of cadets," said Blanca Beltran '20, VWIL cadet and women's soccer player.

Though SMA closed its doors in 1976 after nearly 100 years educating young men, the academy's alumni have maintained close ties to Mary Baldwin and VWIL. They actively raise funds to support cadet scholarships and campus improvements, and hold an annual reunion at MBU every spring.

"Peter Worth's gift to MBU ensures that the SMA name and the legacy of the academy remain in perpetuity on the hallowed grounds of our former campus in the beautiful city of Staunton," said Tom Davis, president of SMA Alumni Foundation, Inc. "On behalf of our 3,000 living alumni, we 'SMA Old Boys' are extremely grateful to Peter for providing such a wonderful tribute to our former school."

The university plans to officially dedicate and open SMA Worth Field in April 2019 during SMA's reunion weekend.



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WORK IT OUT

FRESH FACES ADD TO A GROWING ATHLETICS CULTURE AT MBU

BY BILLY COFFEY



MARAH JONES

Serving as athletic trainer to Mary Baldwin University's student-athletes can be a frenzied job. The responsibilities are numerous. The daily duties are varied. Weekends are often workdays.

Marah Jones would have it no other way.

Born in Silver Spring, Maryland, and raised in Staunton, Jones graduated with a BS in kinesiology from James Madison University in 2010 and comes to MBU from nearby Shenandoah University, where she served as an assistant athletic trainer.

At MBU, she designs prevention programs for student-athletes who may be at risk for injuries, as well as programs to assess, treat, and rehabilitate injuries so an athlete can return to the playing field as quickly and safely as possible.

"That's the best and most rewarding part," she said. "To see an

athlete performing at a high level sustain an injury to the point where they cannot do anything, and then work hard and rehabilitate their way back to 100 percent under the guidance of an AT."

Jones' expertise and dedication to student-athletes has made her an integral part of MBU's athletics program. For her, Mary Baldwin offers an abundance of the two things she loves most: helping people and watching sports.

"Marah has been treating me since the second week of the season," said Savannah McGavock, a freshman from Water Valley, Mississippi, and setter for the volleyball team. "She encouraged me to stay positive no matter how many setbacks I had. Every day when I come to therapy, she's always laughing or has a smile on her face. She's so knowledgeable, and I always trust her to take great care of me."

PASSION. TRUST DISCIPLINE.



SAM JEFFRIES

Call Sam Jeffries a mechanic who tunes muscle instead of metal.

Mary Baldwin University's new strength and conditioning coach was born in Southern Maryland and graduated with a double major in athletic training and exercise science from Greensboro College. Jeffries comes to MBU from Tysons Corner where he supervised multi-sport programs for professional and amateur athletes as director of sports performance at Perfect Performance NOVA.

Driven by coaching athletes who are willing to exert maximum effort to achieve peak performance, Jeffries designs and implements year-round periodized training plans focusing on strength, speed, agility, and conditioning, as well as programs for sports nutrition.

"Sam is disciplined, and his workouts are highly organized

and sport-specific," said Rene Ramirez '22, a member of the men's soccer team from El Paso. "He demands the best from us. He is here almost every morning at 6 a.m., and he is constantly pushing me to find my full potential."

Jeffries credits the new electric energy at Mary Baldwin as a great motivator. Alongside new and reinvigorated players and coaching staff, he relishes the opportunity to do his part in establishing a new culture around MBU athletics.

"I love working at the DIII level," he said, "because I played at this level, and I want to give each student-athlete the best possible experience at Mary Baldwin. I love having the opportunity to pass on my passion for physical training to each athlete, so they feel confident continuing to train and stay healthy beyond their athletic careers."

MBU NEWS

FINDING YOUR

BOLD

*Mary Baldwin
programs
empower students*

Armed with a tape measure and white gloves, Colby Tietjens '22 spent last semester amongst World War I uniforms, presidential campaign posters, books, and old letters. As a condition reporter for the Woodrow Wilson Presidential Library, he inspected each item, recorded the description and size, and assessed the artifact's overall condition. He was even encouraged to research the items to learn more about their historical significance.

Tietjens had this opportunity thanks to MBU's new preternship program, a year-long experience for first-year students. In exchange for a scholarship, students work with a professional — either at Mary Baldwin or in the local community — on a project that enhances the work of the professional's department or organization. For Tietjens, who loves the World War I era, working with the artifacts was invaluable. He discovered more about a possible future career, and got to experience it as soon as he stepped on campus.

"If you think about a four-year college education, the impactful experiences for students usually happen in their junior and senior years," said Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs Ty Buckman. "There has been a lot of research around the first-year experience that shows it's important to put students in early contact with these kinds of hands-on opportunities."

Mary Baldwin is taking that research to heart. In addition to preternships, its companion program, the First-Year Research Awards (where faculty offer research experiences) and courses like BOLD 101 (Baldwin Opportunities for Leadership Development) are also available to provide real-world experiences, help narrow down career interests, and develop personal and professional skills.

"For first-year students, there are so many adjustments to university life," says Christina Harrison, who serves as director of the Spencer Center for Civic and Global Engagement and co-directs the preternship program with BOLD 101 professor and Director of MBU's college-to-career center Nell Desmond. "It's really ideal for students to immediately dive into one project that addresses and develops their skill areas."

Those skills include time management, organization, and verbal and written communication, all of which translate to a student's academic experiences at Mary Baldwin and later to their careers.

"Comfort isn't going to get you anywhere. BOLD 101 gives you a chance to find out who you are and what you're capable of doing." — STEPHANIE LEE '22

Last semester, Stephanie Lee '22 and her BOLD 101 classmates put those skills to use when they put together a Campus Community Hour for students and professors to get to know one another. They divided into groups, each with a different responsibility, and relied heavily on teamwork and communication to pull off the event.

Experiences like this have made Lee go beyond her comfort zone. "Comfort isn't going to get you anywhere," she said. "BOLD 101 gives you a chance to find out who you are and what you're capable of doing."

That concept of self-discovery is a key component to BOLD 101. In addition to community trips, service and leadership opportunities, and the chance to organize events, they write journal reflections and passion project proposals.

"The class is helpful in walking students through a transition to college," said Desmond. "They have the chance to discover and then develop their best selves by understanding their strengths and values, and becoming aware of their passions and goals." (See sidebar for how BOLD 101 students use an assessment tool to identify their strengths.)

Whether it's Lee creating a project proposal for a leadership symposium or Tietjens fostering his interest in history, preternship and BOLD 101 projects send a powerful message to prospective students: Mary Baldwin focuses on the potential of individuals and works to empower leaders — from the start of their college experience.

"We can't overemphasize the importance of engaging students from the beginning," Buckman said. "We want them excited about college, excited about research, and excited about career possibilities. The earlier they're able to do that, the further they can go."

HIDDEN POTENTIAL

An assessment tool helps students discover the strengths that make them unique

BOLD 101 professor Nell Desmond tells her students that to be good leaders and to serve others well they have to understand themselves first. It's why the opening portion of her course is called Connecting to Self, and it's why the first assignment she gives is creating an action plan for a specific semester goal.

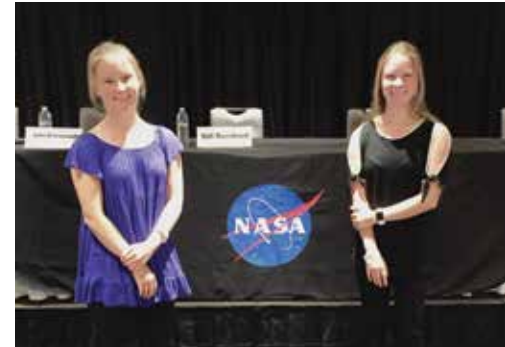
This action plan is based on each student's top five strengths, which they uncover using the CliftonStrengths assessment, a tool from Gallup used to help raise awareness of an individual's talents and natural ways of successfully functioning in the world. Everyone from the Business Leaders Living-Learning Community to student employees at the Spencer Center to Bold 101 classes are reaping its benefits, and in large part due to the work of Associate Professor of Business Claire Kent.

Trained as a Gallup-certified strengths coach, Kent works with students and groups across the university, helping them understand the CliftonStrengths 34 talent themes. The tool ranks these themes for an individual, and shows how those themes can be turned into strengths.

"There is great power in utilizing our talents and strengths," Kent said. "People can be more successful when they're working towards what they're naturally talented in. And two people can be successful following two very different paths. I like that this tool acknowledges that."



Bundle up! Colette Levens '21 heads to the freezer at NASA Goddard's Cryospheric Sciences Lab, under the direction of Thorsten Markus (left). Once inside, she handled ice cores that were more than 1,000 years old.



A vision of the future. Twin sisters and PEG students Colette (left) and Elyse Levens at the pre-launch briefing near Vandenberg Air Force Base. Now 15 years old, Colette works toward her goal of one day working at NASA.

ICE BREAKER

Research project leads to NASA tour, rocket launch

When Colette Levens '21 reached out to Thorsten Markus, head of the Cryospheric Sciences Lab at NASA Goddard Space Flight Center in Maryland to arrange a visit, she never imagined her phone call would lead to an even more extraordinary experience.

At 15 years old, Levens is part of MBU's Program for the Exceptionally Gifted (PEG). She's an applied math major, runs cross-country, and has a twin sister, Elyse, who is also a PEG student at MBU. Holding her own among NASA-level scientists just comes naturally.

"I love being around people who enjoy their work," she said of her visit to the cryospheric lab. "They are excited about it, so I get excited about it."

And Levens' enthusiasm won the day. During the course of her visit, Markus invited her to attend the launch of the Ice, Cloud and land Elevation Satellite-2 (ICESat-2) at Vandenberg Air Force Base in California, a project that had been in the works for 10 years.

On September 15, she, her sister, and their parents watched from a safe distance as the ICESat-2 started its trip into orbit.

"It literally lit up the horizon; underneath the morning fog, you could see the tip of the rocket glowing like a beacon," Levens said. "You could feel the ground rumble."

NASA's most technologically advanced ice-monitoring spacecraft, the ICESat-2 holds special meaning for Levens, who has been fascinated with snow and ice since she was a child growing

up in Michigan. Levens now hopes to pursue graduate studies in cryospheric science, and ultimately work for NASA.

Associate Professor of Math John Ong is helping her build a bridge to that goal this semester, putting into action some recommendations that NASA Goddard scientists gave Levens, including learning specific programming languages.

"Dr. Ong bought two copies of MATLAB software, so we can learn it together. He's refreshing his knowledge as we go," she said.

Levens is also keenly aware that other methods of communication will be essential in achieving her larger goal: making cryospheric sciences more accessible to more people. That's why she's pursuing a minor in peacebuilding and conflict resolution, alongside her coursework in math and physics.

"I have a goal to do research in Antarctica," she said. "Part of the reason I'm attracted to that is because it brings together scientists from many different countries around the world, and they have to work together toward the same goals."

For Levens, it's the combination of the science and the people that's so compelling; that behind every moment of ignition, there are dedicated teams who must work in collaboration.

"The launch was amazing and inspiring," she said. "Just as incredible was the opportunity to meet the scientists and engineers that created technology that had not previously existed to meet the needs of the mission."



COLLEGE FOR WOMEN, VOICES FOR THE WORLD

New College for Women programming comes to life

Students in the Mary Baldwin College for Women (MBCW) get the best of both worlds: a meaningful community of support plus resources and opportunities across the larger university. And that relationship between college and university, now in its second year as a fully co-educational institution, is symbiotic. With new programming and experiences in full swing, the College for Women carries forward to all of MBU ideas and initiatives centered around women, and more broadly around awareness, inclusion, and equity.

New programming kicked off immediately during New Student Days in August when first-years in the College for Women attended a two-day retreat, led by Lawanda Ravoira, president and CEO of the Delores Barr Weaver Policy Center.

Exploring ways of knowing themselves and other women, the retreat focused on helping students access their strengths for the betterment of society. This self-empowerment and strength-finding continues throughout students' first year.

"I had the pleasure to meet Lawanda Ravoira during our retreat, and it was one of the most rewarding experiences I've had," said Angie Contreras '22. "I was able to learn so much about myself, and she created a safe environment for all of us to speak about our experiences as women in our current society. It was truly enlightening."

Students were also essential in creating the renewed slate of events for MBCW. Out of the two-day retreat in August came ideas that were put into action this past fall. A series of



Photos: (l-r) Hana Lagana '22, Aszure "Ace" Verling '22, Dean Carey Usher, and Savanna McGavock '22 gather in front of the College for Women's home in McClung.

Empowerment Hours covered topics like gender in the media and representations of the Biblical Eve in society, and brought local alumni to campus for conversations about women's leadership. College for Women students also gathered together at games to support their Fighting Squirrels, and traveled to Richmond for Pfizer's Consumer Healthcare Career Day and to Washington, D.C., for the Women's March.

"We're being intentional about setting up women-centered programming that also ties into the larger community," College for Women Dean Carey Usher said. "Our message is about maintaining the importance and value of women's voices in the context of current events and things happening right now."

First-year students in the College for Women, or MBCW, are also introduced to college life through a women-centered lens in MBCW 177, an orientation class that meets weekly. The focused course prefix is no accident: at a faculty meeting last spring, the new identifier "MBCW" was unanimously approved, showing university-wide support for the academic component of the College for Women.

Also debuting this fall were improvements to the bottom floor of McClung Residence Hall, now featuring a newly renovated student lounge and Usher's office. The new lounge features comfortable group seating, fresh paint and warm lighting, an updated kitchen, and framed archival photographs highlighting the legacy of the College for Women. A fitting home for MBU's historic heart, McClung was built around Brick House, where founder Mary Julia Baldwin and her right-hand woman Agnes McClung resided in the late 1800s. Many first-year College for Women students live here with their upper-class peers.

Launching this spring are more initiatives — peer-to-peer mentoring work among College for Women students plus the pilot program for alumnae-student mentoring, facilitated by an innovative software program; creating a leadership portfolio through the student-success platform Portfolium; and interested first-year students will prepare for their sophomore-year internship taking See the Girl's programming into area schools. Through a generous donation by Donna Smith '70 (see page 43 for more), the two-day Leadership Symposium will also take shape in the spring, as students invite women leaders from

around the country to come to campus for lectures, workshops, networking, and community outreach. The symposium also integrates with the 2018–19 university-wide theme of "citizenship."

Women-centered education continues to hold strong meaning for the larger university. The College for Women creates an environment that extends to all students, and a community-wide commitment to hearing empowered women's voices. And it might just help open up society to hear them, too. As the same community of support that unites College for Women students — across backgrounds and future goals — scales up, a more just and equitable world seems like an achievable reality.

"As we pursue gender equity, I want to highlight the reach that our program at Mary Baldwin has," said Usher. "It's not just about our students when they are here, but about how they can take their voices and their strengths out into the world and make those changes, just because of who they are."



Board Chair Jane Miller '76 (r) stands with President Pamela Fox in McClung Residence Hall.

Renovations to McClung were made possible by a \$250,000 donation by Jane Miller '76, chair of the Board of Trustees and a dedicated supporter of the College for Women and Mary Baldwin.

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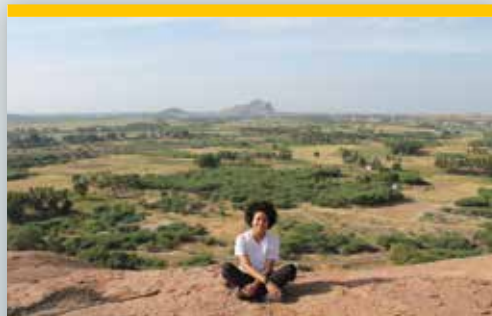
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New leadership in key areas

Ernest E. Jeffries, *vice president of student engagement*



An experienced transformational leader and student affairs practitioner, Ernest Jeffries is passionate about empowering students and helping them pursue academic, professional, and personal success. Before coming to MBU, he had a highly successful 20-year tenure at Davidson College, during which he held various roles and titles including assistant/associate dean of student life; chief judicial officer where he gained expertise in the Title IX process; director of multicultural affairs; and, most recently, associate dean. Jeffries started his career at the University of Tennessee and then served at Western Carolina University. He holds a doctor of ministry from United Theological Seminary, with a concentration in leadership development; a master of divinity from Hood Theological Seminary; and a master of education and bachelor of music from the University of South Carolina. This year, Jeffries received one of only 10 Outstanding First-Year Advocate awards from the National Resource Center for the First-Year Experience for exceptional work in the areas of student learning, development, and success.

Jennifer M. Sauer, *vice president of business and finance*



Jennifer Sauer comes to MBU with impressive experience and significant accomplishments. Her leadership spans finance, human resources, facilities, purchasing, auxiliary services, risk management, and information technology. Sauer most recently served as vice president for finance and administration at Delaware Valley University. For five years prior, she was vice president for finance and administration at Immaculata University. Her earlier career was devoted

to the University of Richmond, where she occupied positions of progressive responsibility in business and finance. She earned a bachelor of science in accounting from Virginia Tech.

New Faces in Admissions and Facilities Management

As assistant vice president for online and graduate enrollment, **Erika K. Davis** leads the admissions team coordinating recruitment efforts for graduate programs, MBU Online, and distance learning. She comes to MBU from Neumann University.

The new assistant vice president for facilities management and capital planning, **Keith Callahan** leads the team that takes care of MBU's buildings and grounds, and also oversees operations, budget development, and major capital projects. He joins Mary Baldwin from Wake Forest University, before which he served in the U.S. Army.

IN MEMORY

Remembering a
Life-Long Supporter:

CAROLINE ROSE HUNT '43

Mary Baldwin University celebrates the life of Caroline Rose Hunt '43, a devoted supporter of the university, active philanthropist, keen businesswoman, and grande dame of Dallas, Texas. Hunt died Nov. 13, 2018, at 95 years old.

Hunt's association with Mary Baldwin dates back to the days of the seminary when her great-grandmother, Nancy A. Purvis Hunnicutt, attended. Hunt went to Mary Baldwin during her freshman and sophomore years, finishing her bachelor of arts degree in English and art history at the University of Texas in 1943.

That connection blossomed into generous support over the years, most iconically in the creation of Lyda B. Hunt Dining Hall, the centerpiece of Mary Baldwin's Staunton campus. In the late 1950s, Hunt and her sister, Margaret Hunt Hill '39, provided the funding and vision for Hunt Dining Hall and named it for their mother.

"Caroline Hunt's devotion to Mary Baldwin never faltered," said President Pamela R. Fox. "She shared with me how much she valued her two years at Mary Baldwin, the special bond it created with her sister, Margaret, and also with Margaret's granddaughter Heather Hill Washburne, who graduated from Mary Baldwin in 1994."

Caroline and Margaret Hunt both enthusiastically served on the Board of Trustees, as did Washburne for a short period. The sisters began hosting the President's Council annual gathering in Dallas in the 1980s, a tradition that continued through the last luncheon Hunt hosted in September 2017. Held at the Crescent Club atop the Crescent Hotel in Dallas, these luncheons were brain trusts for discussing the present and future of Mary Baldwin. In 2017 Dallas alumnae joined members of the current Board of Trustees, donor and leader Bertie Murphy Deming Smith

'46, and former Board chairs Claire Lewis "Yum" Arnold '69 and Anna Kate Reid Hipp '63 in a moving discussion.

"I asked Caroline during my last visit with her in March 2018 what she considered to be her most lasting contribution to Mary Baldwin," Fox said. "Her answer came readily. She said, 'when Margaret and I made possible the purchase of the Staunton Military Academy campus.' Truly at that point in time, a difficult one for Mary Baldwin to be sure, the audacious move to significantly increase the size of our campus was a true turning point to our ongoing success."

Hunt also created a named professorship, the Caroline Rose Hunt Distinguished Chair in the Natural Sciences, currently held by Professor of Biology Paul Deeble. She also helped create the Bailey Scholars program to support academically gifted students with a special scholarship.

MBU presented Hunt with an honorary doctorate in 1989, and with the university's highest honor, the Algernon Sydney Sullivan Award, at Commencement 2006, recognizing her decades of support, her community service, and her integrity.

"I feel very privileged to have experienced her generous but very modest spirit for the past 15 years," said Fox.

Born in 1923, Hunt was one of five siblings, and her father, H.L. Hunt, discovered a massive oilfield in East Texas and once held the title of world's richest man. (The character of J.R. Ewing in the TV show *Dallas* was inspired by him.) Working up from her first job in the mailroom of Hunt Oil, Hunt carved out her own entrepreneurial legacy with her company Rosewood Corp. As a real estate mogul, developer, and hotelier, Hunt made a significant mark on Dallas, her home of more than 50 years. She was inducted into the Texas Business Hall of Fame in 1999.

Devoted to her family, Hunt was mother of five, grandmother of 19, and great-grandmother of 23. She also mobilized her resources, time, and skill for the good of her community. The many organizations she supported included Dallas CASA, the United Way of Metropolitan Dallas, the Retina Foundation of the Southwest, the Junior League of Dallas, the Crystal Charity Ball, and the Dallas Arboretum. In 2013, the United Way presented Hunt with its greatest honor, the J. Erik Jonsson Award, for her volunteer work, which dated back to World War II when she went door-to-door collecting donations in her neighborhood.



Caroline Rose Hunt '43, who passed away on November 13.



Caroline Hunt with her mother, Lyda, in 1939. Hunt and her sister provided funding for MBU's dining hall and named it after their mother.

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IN MEMORY

Celebrating the Life of BRIG. GEN. N. MICHAEL BISSELL, VWIL's First Commandant of Cadets

Brig. Gen. Norman Michael Bissell, first commandant of cadets for the Virginia Women's Institute for Leadership (VWIL) at Mary Baldwin University, passed away on February 7. He was 80.

VWIL was first established in 1995, and Bissell became part-time acting commandant of cadets, while also serving at Virginia Military Institute (VMI), transitioning to full-time commandant of cadets in May 1999. He retired in October 2013, having earned the first title of commandant emeritus in the university's history.

"The Mary Baldwin family remembers and honors Gen. Bissell as a paragon of service, leadership, and respect," said MBU President Pamela R. Fox. "From the very beginning, he was absolutely critical to the establishment and growth of the Virginia Women's Institute for Leadership at Mary Baldwin. His legacy can be found in the success of the VWIL corps today and in the achievements of each and every one of its alumnae."

Bissell's sense of duty and respect served as perhaps the greatest influence upon his cadets, many of whom touted those characteristics as among the greatest gifts Mary Baldwin offered them.

"He and [Founding Director of VWIL] Dr. [Brenda] Bryant were mentors for us," said Air Force Lt. Col. Trimble Spitzer '99, division director of the reproductive endocrinology and infertility division at the Naval Medical Center Portsmouth. Spitzer was among the inaugural VWIL graduates. "He was not just a leader and a father figure, he was a mentor. And in every aspect of our careers, I think that all of us in the military can attribute our success in some way to him."

His care for the future of those under his charge was a defining characteristic to many of the earliest VWIL cadets — like Spitzer — who entered Mary Baldwin in 1995. Praise for Bissell was immediate and widespread among MBU alumni, along with ready acknowledgments of the role he played in so many lives.

"He's probably the single biggest

influencer of my career," said Lt. Col. Sherri Sharpe '99. "He was the standard bearer for respect and professionalism and how to treat other people. My own leadership is modeled after what he demonstrated for us. He had such respect for us and wanted us to succeed; he was invested in every one of us."

"He taught us the right way to do things, the right way to be a leader," Karen Bailey-Chapman '99 agreed.

Some of these habits — both serious and lighthearted — have remained with these former cadets for more than 20 years into their careers.

"I spent four years around him and I've spent 20 years away, but to this day I can't walk on grass," Sharpe laughed. "Because I hear him in my head; I see his face. He would be so disappointed in me if I walk on this grass. I'm a lieutenant colonel in the United States Army, and I can't walk on the grass, I use the sidewalk."

Bailey-Chapman brings Bissell's lessons on punctuality to her civilian work as senior vice president for political affairs for the American Beverage Association.

"All my staff at work know," she said, "that if you're not five minutes early, you're late."

Bissell's tenure as commandant of cadets resulted in the growth of the VWIL program from a visionary idea to a thriving cadet corps — the only all-women corps in the nation — that fosters both military and civilian leaders of global citizenship. With a first VWIL class of 40 young women, Bissell's efforts helped expand the program to currently include over 400 alumnae, many of whom serve as military officers stationed in Iraq, Afghanistan, and throughout the world.

"General Bissell continues to have a lasting and positive impact on our VWIL community, including over 400 alumnae and 100 current cadets," said Brig. Gen. Terry Djuric (U.S. Air Force, Retired), VWIL commandant. "The general was a wonderful and generous mentor to me as I followed him in the commandant role for this amazing corps."

Bissell also played a crucial part in



linking VWIL with the legacy of the Staunton Military Academy (SMA), and he was instrumental in the creation of the SMA-VWIL Museum. As a result of his efforts, Bissell was named an honorary member of the SMA Alumni Association, and the SMA flag is now carried in the VWIL Color Guard.

"It was tremendous how the relationships he fostered with SMA have helped cement VWIL's place in history and link it to an even deeper history," said Sharpe.

Bissell also helped unite the Heifetz International Music Institute with Staunton and Mary Baldwin. After his retirement from Mary Baldwin, Bissell remained integral in supporting the corps while also serving as liaison with SMA alumni and the VWIL Board of Visitors.

VWIL held a unique place in Bissell's accomplished career. When asked in 2007 of his experience as commandant, he said: "I can honestly say that VWIL is the best leadership program for the development of women leaders that I have ever observed. I am so fortunate to have this opportunity. The young women



Brig. Gen. Michael Bissell, who passed away on February 7, salutes the VWIL corps during his retirement parade in 2013 (right).

who are graduating are among the finest and are standing out among their peers in the military and civilian sector."

Bissell had a distinguished 26-year career in the U.S. Army, serving two tours in Vietnam as a combat helicopter pilot, where he was nominated for the Medal of Honor and received the Distinguished Service Cross, Bronze Star, Purple Heart, and Air Medal with V device and 24 oak leaf clusters. After his retirement from the Army in 1987, he became program manager for the Army's Comanche stealth helicopter for the Boeing and Sikorsky Aircraft Team. He returned to VMI as commandant of cadets in 1990, and served as commandant of cadets for VWIL from 1995 until his retirement in 2013. In May 2007, he was inducted into the U.S. Army Aviation Hall of Fame in Fort Rucker, Alabama.

Bissell graduated from VMI — where he holds the distinction of being one of the institute's most decorated alumni — in 1961 and from the U.S. Army Command and General Staff College and the U.S. Army War College. He also earned an MA from the University of Missouri.

The Mary Baldwin Alumni Association Marks 125 Years



MBU celebrates the 125th anniversary of the Alumni Association in 2019, an organization that includes former students and graduates as members and was first founded in 1894. It serves to enhance alumni's relationships with each other and with their alma mater, reaching across the years and to locations around the world.

"Friendships made in my years at Mary Baldwin have lasted a lifetime. The Alumni Association has held events and reunions through the years to keep our Class of '63 active," said Judy Lipps Garst, Alumni Association president 1998–2000. "As a past president, I am most grateful to each person who takes the time to serve on the Alumni Board. You keep our spirit alive and thriving."

The 125th anniversary kicked off when all alumni were invited to come back for Reunion Weekend, April 4–7, and enjoy a day of dedicated celebrations, including a farm-to-table lunch, remembrance service honoring co-founder Mary Julia Baldwin, an alumni and faculty reception and dinner, and a candle lighting ceremony. The Virginia House of Delegates also passed a resolution commending the Alumni Association on the occasion of its 125th anniversary, and an official copy was presented at Reunion.

"With this anniversary celebration comes a moment to pause and recognize the university's approximately 16,000 living alumni, and all of the ways in which they bring MBU's mission to life as global citizens who achieve professional success and make lasting impacts upon their communities," said MBU President Pamela R. Fox.

Every year at Reunion, the Alumni Awards celebrate graduates' valuable work with communities of faith, in their careers and hometowns, and as leaders who have improved others' lives. These distinguished alumni serve as an inspirational symbol of the collective good work of all Mary Baldwin graduates.

"The most meaningful part of being president of the Alumni Association was the forming of close friendships with alumni from classes who were not at Mary Baldwin with me," said Lindsay Ryland '73, Alumni Association president 1986–88, and this year's recipient of the Emily Smith Medallion, recognizing her outstanding contributions to her university, church, community, and beyond. "One of my dearest friendships was with an alumna whose class year was the year I was born, and we stayed in touch until her death last year.

I know that I could call anyone with whom I served in my years on the Alumni Board, and we would pick up where we left off, reminiscing, laughing, and catching up with each other."

First founded as the Alumnae Association of the Augusta Female Seminary, the group reorganized as the Mary Baldwin Alumnae Association in 1896, already having established chapters in several states. The first regular class Reunion was held in 1914. During the first decades of the 20th century, the association was one of the leading voices in favor of establishing a four-year college, and as early as 1910, it lobbied to have a representative on the Board of Trustees, which was realized when Margaret Kable Russell — Class of 1902 and Alumnae Association president from 1926 to 1932 — became the first alumna representative on the Board. Today 66 percent of Mary Baldwin Trustees are alumni, and the Alumni Association president is an ex-officio, voting member.

"Mary Baldwin is a place where your needs, goals, and aspirations can and will be met, where each individual's potential will be met. This sets us apart from other universities," said Jane Kornegay Eng '83, current president of the Alumni Association. "As alumni we often refer to 'the Mary Baldwin way,' which I find challenging to describe accurately, but it's there — and it's magic."



Senior Nicole Blackburn takes a shot during a November matchup with rival Trinity Washington University.

HOOP-LA



Women's basketball completes record-breaking year

When Ross James landed the head coaching job for the Mary Baldwin women's basketball team in 2017, he knew he would have to start from scratch. The Fighting Squirrels had won a total of two games over the five previous seasons, and they hadn't enjoyed a double-digit win season since 2010.

What a difference two years make.

After being picked in a 2018-19 pre-season poll to finish eighth out of the nine teams in their division, the Fighting Squirrels proceeded to stun their opponents by posting a 17-9 overall record and 10-8 in conference play, finishing in fourth place in the USA South East Division. The 17 wins are tied for the second-most in school history and the most since the 2003-04 season, while the 10 conference wins were the most since Mary Baldwin joined the USA South in 2010.

The Fighting Squirrels' season culminated on February 13, when Mary Baldwin hosted a USA South Women's Basketball Tournament game for the first time in school history. Backed by an energetic capacity crowd in the Physical Activities Center, the Fighting Squirrels went on to defeat the N.C. Wesleyan Battling Bishops in a thrilling 114-108 overtime win. Their Cinderella season would come to an end three days later during the quarterfinal round against No. 2 Piedmont College.

As evidence of a successful season, Mary Baldwin was honored with two of the USA South's top three conference awards for women's basketball.

Freshman standout Leah Calhoun became the first Fighting Squirrel to earn an individual year-end USA South women's basketball award when she was named Rookie of the Year after leading all conference rookies with 16.7 points, 6.1 defensive rebounds, and 2.3 steals per

game. Calhoun also finished third in defensive rebounding, third in scoring, fourth in steals, and tenth in total rebounding. In addition to her award, Calhoun was also named to the First Team East Division, becoming just the fifth Mary Baldwin women's basketball student-athlete to collect the honor. During the course of the season, she was also named USA South Player of the Week once and USA South Rookie of the Week twice.

Head Coach Ross James was named USA South Coach of the Year in only his second season, becoming the first Mary Baldwin coach in any sport to earn that honor. James was quick to acknowledge that his award was due to the hard work of everyone involved with Mary Baldwin women's basketball.

"It is an honor to be named USA South Coach of the Year by my fellow coaching peers," James said. "This award is shared by the players, assistant coaches, and support staff. Their commitment, dedication, and sacrifices made this possible."

The Fighting Squirrels also garnered several seasonal achievements for freshman Brooke Anders, who was named to the Second Team East Division, and senior Nicole Blackburn, who was named to the conference's All-Sportsmanship team. Among a roster that included five sophomores and nine freshmen, the Fighting Squirrels sported three local talents. Sophomore Kemper Snyder is a graduate of Lee High School in Staunton, while freshman Hannah Varner and Rookie of the Year Calhoun attended nearby Buffalo Gap High School.

With the renewed energy among students and student-athletes alike and a strong youth movement, MBU women's basketball has built a firm foundation to catapult the Fighting Squirrels into next season and beyond.



Head Coach Ross James is the first coach in MBU history to be named USA South Coach of the Year.



Freshman guard Leah Calhoun scored 32 points in conference tournament play against North Carolina Wesleyan.

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MBU Leaders Across the Generations

Ensuring that a university education is within reach for all students — it's a principle that MBU holds dear, and brings to life by providing more than \$16 million in scholarships and grants every year. At a recent reception, scholarship recipients and MBCW students were able to meet with the generous donors and Board of Trustees members behind the funding.





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FEATURE

Leading

THE CHANGE

BY KELLEY FREUND



MBU's ambitious expansion of offerings puts the university — and its students — out front in a rapidly evolving healthcare landscape

When Deborah Greubel first went into practice, a visit to a healthcare provider was far less complicated. In those fee-for-service days, patients came in, got treated, paid the bill, and went on their way.

But today, says the vice president of health sciences and dean of Mary Baldwin's Murphy Deming College of Health Sciences, things are much more complicated. Healthcare reimbursement has changed. There's a nationwide lack of primary care providers and nurses. Those living in rural areas may not even have easy access to healthcare. Despite having the highest health expenditures, the United States ranks lower in health outcomes than other high-income countries. And as society ages, there is a growing need for qualified individuals to manage how healthcare is delivered.

As the system changes, so too must the institutions that prepare practitioners. Universities must consider all these forces at work and prepare students to be problem solvers. And Murphy Deming is leading the charge. Since its creation five years ago, the college has worked to "evolve as healthcare has evolved," Greubel says. And with an ambitious plan to roll out several new programs this year, MBU is setting its students up for success with educational pathways that seek to improve not only the practitioner, but also the system.

"We are looking around the corner at the market needs of tomorrow and planning the educational opportunities around them," says Greubel. "It's important in our programming to begin to look at those issues and prepare the next generation of providers, administrators, and experts so we can improve the system over time."

In keeping with that mission, MBU launched five new programs in January:

- master of science in nursing
- master of science in nursing/master of healthcare administration
- master of science in nursing/master of business administration
- post-professional occupational therapy doctorate program
- master of healthcare administration/master of business administration

(See page 29 for more on how these degrees prepare practitioners for the complexities of healthcare.)

While an undergraduate degree can help students begin a career in healthcare, graduate-level credentials are becoming important for career growth, leadership positions, and increased salary potential. But as healthcare systems become increasingly complex, and society places more and more expectations on professionals in the field, Murphy Deming's new degrees also aim to help them rise to the occasion.

Take nurses. According to School of Nursing Director Drew Ellen Gogian, our country's healthcare environment has begun to demand that nurses fill expanding professional roles. "When we educate nurses today, we must provide ways for students to become members, leaders, and educators of healthcare teams," she says. The newly developed MSN offerings help place MBU graduates in areas of practice that are now essential to meeting patients' needs.

Similar pressures are being put on occupational therapists. David Pallister, director of the post-professional occupational therapy doctorate program (PPOTD), says OT practitioners are expected to call upon a greater knowledge base and to assume greater leadership roles than ever before within healthcare and academia. "In all likelihood, most OT students will



Deborah Greubel
Vice President of Health Sciences
and Dean of Mary Baldwin's Murphy
Deming College of Health Sciences

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enter doctoral-level programs in the near future," Pallister says. "A program like ours will help serve occupational therapists who earned bachelor's or master's degrees, and feel they can further their competitive and marketable advantage."

And of course, the country needs knowledgeable people to run these healthcare systems. According to the U.S. Department of Labor statistics, employment of medical and health services managers is projected to grow 17 percent from 2014 to 2024. MBU's master of healthcare administration (MHA) aims to graduate health administrators who have strong business backgrounds. "Employers from private practices to corporate health systems need to drive better outcomes for patients and organizations," says Kim McDonald, director of MBU's School of Public Health. The MHA program was designed to empower graduates to do just that: become the innovative leaders behind the systems, improving the value of healthcare.

Each of these new degree offerings can be completed online, giving students flexible class schedules and degree completion timelines, with the high educational quality of MBU and MDCHS. Courses are still taught by faculty who are industry experts — and who understand what it takes to juggle the demands of being a working student. Online students are also encouraged to utilize

the same facilities as those in seat, such as the library and study areas, or come to campus to speak with faculty. As with all the programs at Murphy Deming, interprofessional education is built directly into the curriculum, with students taking courses alongside professionals in other areas. And connections to the community remain paramount, as program directors are part of various community projects that are shared with all MDCHS faculty and students, whether online or on the grounds.

Murphy Deming looks to continue its growth with the addition of more programs, planned for 2020: a master of science in nursing for clinical informatics, a doctor of nursing practice, and undergraduate degrees in exercise science and in healthcare informatics. These new degree offerings will help graduates distinguish themselves as the most qualified candidates for leadership roles, but that is only part of the overall goal. MBU hopes to empower students to play a role in something even bigger: improving the lives of patients and communities.

"Mary Baldwin students have an opportunity to bring higher-quality healthcare to our country," says Greubel. "With the knowledge and experience they gain, students will begin to look at healthcare delivery in a different way — looking at what healthcare needs to be in the future and what role they play in that."

"Mary Baldwin students have an opportunity to bring higher quality healthcare to our country."

*— Deborah Greubel, vice president and dean,
Murphy Deming College of Health Sciences*



WHAT'S IN A LETTER?

MSN. MHA. PPOTD.

Here we break down what these new degrees mean and how they prepare graduates to be healthcare changemakers.

NURSING

MSN

Master of science in nursing, patient safety and healthcare quality

- Prepares registered nurses to implement evidence-based practices for measuring and improving quality patient outcomes and managing risks in a healthcare environment.

MSN+MHA

Master of science in nursing/master of healthcare administration

- Prepares graduates to be effective nursing administrators in a variety of healthcare settings.

MSN+MBA

Master of science in nursing/master of business administration

- Provides graduates with a higher-level perspective on effective business strategies so they are prepared to make critical decisions that ensure quality and safety.

JOB OPPORTUNITIES

- Nurse administrator
- Case management
- Medical practice manager

HEALTH AND HUMAN PERFORMANCE

PPOTD

Post-professional occupational therapy doctorate

- Designed for occupational therapists with professional experience looking to earn their doctorate.

JOB OPPORTUNITIES

- Possibility to develop new programming for non-traditional practice settings or underserved populations.

PUBLIC HEALTH

MHA / MBA

Master of healthcare administration/master of business administration

- Prepares individuals to grow as leaders in health systems administration and quality and system safety.
- Curriculum includes business courses focusing on the healthcare market and business industry, and healthcare courses rooted in healthcare management.

JOB OPPORTUNITIES

- Directors and managers in settings such as hospitals and assisted-living facilities
- Health IT
- Health policy and advocacy



TOWN ME

BY LIESEL CROSIER

Mary Baldwin has always shared a special connection with Staunton, but recent efforts to boost community relations have resulted in even stronger connections that benefit both the university community and the local scene.

On an intensely humid July 4, about 50 members of the MBU family gather in Staunton's Gypsy Hill Park for the Happy Birthday America parade, marking the first Mary Baldwin presence in recent memory for the beloved local event.

Dressed in matching gold #MBUfamily T-shirts, alumni, students, faculty, and staff and their families — including President Pamela Fox and several members of her executive team — carry signs touting fast facts about the university and distribute to a crowd of thousands candy, fistfuls of small American flags, and a few of those gold shirts.

"I want one!" one local teenager shouts among her friends gathered on the parade route.

"Go Fighting Squirrels!" another parade watcher calls out, as a group of graduate students march by, holding the official parade banner emblazoned with the university's new spirit mark.

Donté Montague '15, a graduate of MBU Online and teacher for Staunton City Schools, is among the most recognizable members of the Mary Baldwin contingent. "We had the opportunity to promote our university to the community in a very positive way," he reflected. "I was cheered on by many of my students and parents."

Later that night, about 500 neighbors — a mix of teenagers, families with young children, and older couples — respond

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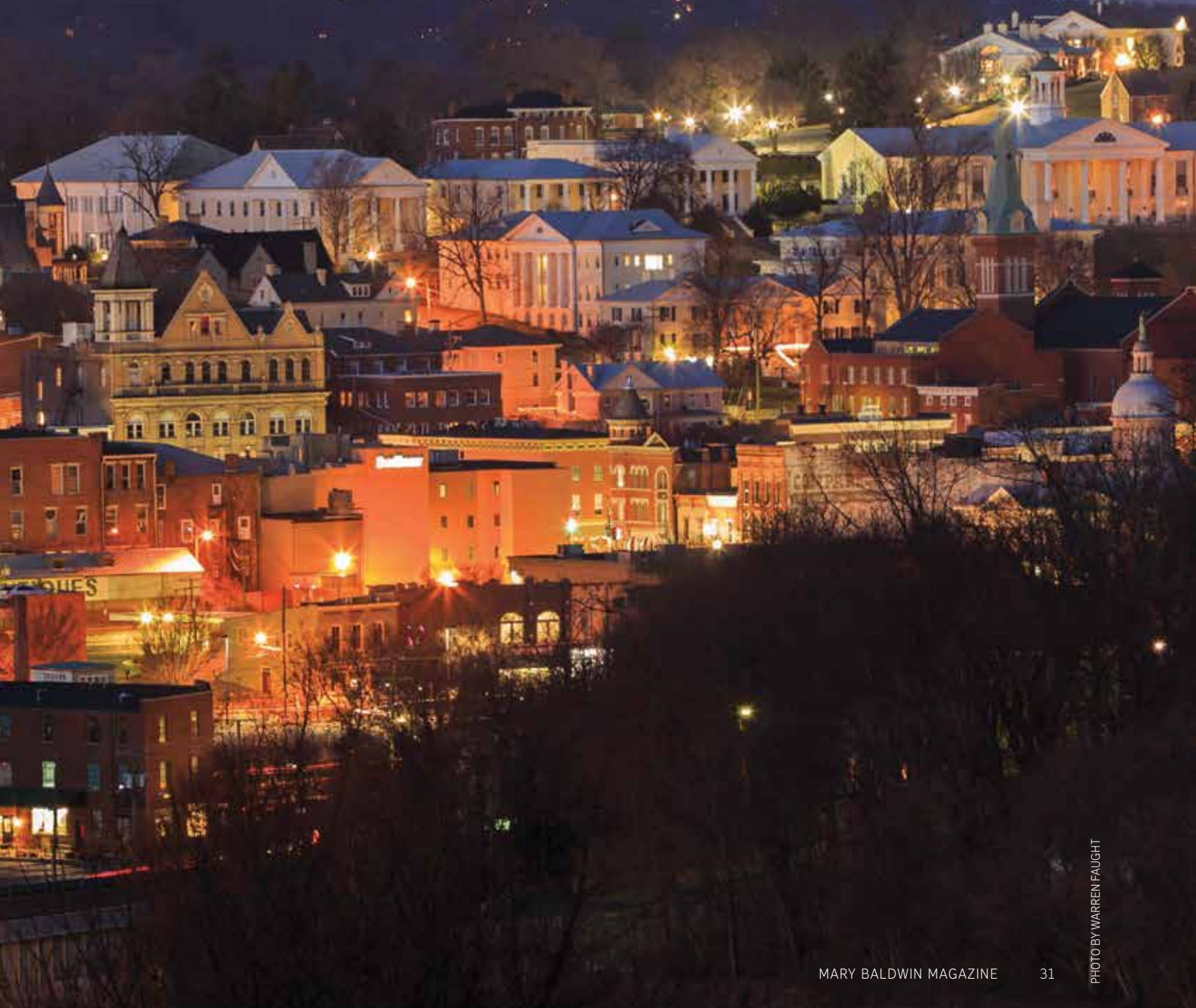




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to the university's invitation to spread out a blanket on campus and watch fireworks from Cannon Hill with complimentary ice cream and MBU-branded glow sticks.

The Fourth of July outreach was just one of many ways in which MBU has extended a hand in partnership with the local community over the past year, with an eye toward further enhancing the student experience, increasing the university's visibility, and promoting the benefits MBU brings to the area.

Expanding MBU's Reach

The university announced earlier this year that it will further enhance its community arts presence through a new rehearsal, performance, and exhibition venue in downtown Staunton called MBU@theWharf. Located on West Johnson Street, the space is the new home of the Shakespeare and Performance graduate program, which previously occupied the fourth and fifth floors of the Masonic Building on Beverley Street for almost 15 years. This addition comes on the heels of the university's MBA program setting up shop in Staunton's Innovation Hub.

The Office of Alumni Engagement — which has successfully reinvigorated several Virginia alumni chapters, including Staunton-Augusta-Waynesboro — also hosted a block party in downtown Staunton during Reunion 2018 and created partnerships with retailers to offer MBU-themed merchandise. Think apple-scented, small-batch "Fighting Squirrel" candles, which business owner Corrie Park offered at her downtown shop, Made; By the People for the People.

The spirit of cooperation with downtown continued last fall, when scores of business owners displayed "Welcome Students" decals in their storefronts, and the city hoisted a large banner with the same message on the façade of the New Street parking garage.

Those decals went a long way to making more students feel welcome downtown, says Brittney Murray '20, who served on a university task force aiming to "bridge the gap between the Mary Baldwin community and the local community."

"We are encouraging merchants to welcome students into their stores and encouraging students to get out and go downtown," Murray says, adding that her favorite hangouts include coffee shop By & By and Park's shop, Made. The group suggested more student-friendly activities in the district — such as open mic nights — and standing student discounts for merchandise and services.

One downtown business owner, Lynda Andrae of Clocktower Food and Spirits, met with students this fall to share perspectives and understand better what students are looking for from downtown restaurants and entertainment spots. As a result, Andrae opened the Clocktower's nightclub Sunday through Thursday to those 18 and older and added other events that students might enjoy, such as karaoke and corn hole.

While more work to bridge that gap must continue, according to Murray, the outreach is helping more students feel more comfortable downtown.

Christina Harrison, director of the Spencer Center for Civic



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"Mary Baldwin University's eminent growth is very exciting for our community. Downtown is prepared to welcome MBU students and staff and build strong relationships with them."

JULIE MARKOWITZ

DIRECTOR OF THE STAUNTON DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION

MBU goes to town, with recent initiatives and programs including placing welcome decals in business windows; marching in Staunton's Happy Birthday America parade on July 4; inviting Harry Potter fans to experience Hufflepuff Village on campus; and introducing first-year students to local merchants, community leaders, and residents.

and Global Engagement at MBU, agrees. For two years, Harrison has helped organize "Meet Staunton," which brings newly arrived first-year students directly into the local community for face-to-face interactions with merchants, community leaders, and residents.

"Our goal was for them to walk away knowing three people in their new home," Harrison says. "We also wanted them to learn about the wealth of resources and interesting people that can be found here. Small groups of students visited three sites — a locally-owned business, a restaurant, and a site of cultural or historic interest — that students typically don't frequent, expanding their perceptions of Staunton and hopefully whetting their appetite for further exploration throughout the year."

On return to campus, comments collected through a short reflection activity were overwhelmingly positive and enthusiastic; Harrison reports. "Students raved about the people they met and the diversity of sites they visited. We are so thankful to the community for joining us in welcoming our incoming students."

MBU also recently made a \$5,000 donation to the Staunton Downtown Development Association's "Bright Lights on Beverley" project, designed to provide brighter walkways and a safe downtown environment. The association has also helped foster local discounts for MBU students.

"Mary Baldwin University's eminent growth is very exciting for our community," said Julie Markowitz, director of the association. "Downtown is prepared to welcome MBU students and

staff and build strong relationships with them."

Rolling out the Welcome Mat

On the Staunton and Fishersville campuses, the university has sought to create a more inviting environment for local organizations, residents, and visitors.

In February, Murphy Deming College of Health Sciences hosted a Business After Hours event in partnership with the Greater Augusta Regional Chamber of Commerce, welcoming local business leaders to tour the facility and hear more about the college's newest academic offerings. This spring, MBU will host for the second time the chamber's Women of Influence Summit, a gathering of about 100 local female business and education leaders, a natural fit for a university with a long history of producing women leaders. At the 2018 event, President Fox joined Chamber President Annette Medlin in a panel discussion, and MBU's master of business administration and online programs hosted an information booth for attendees.

Mary Baldwin also capitalized on the popularity of Queen City Mischief and Magic, an annual festival in late September that draws between 10,000 and 20,000 fans of the Harry Potter books and films to Staunton. The university partnered with festival organizers to sponsor the main entertainment stage on Beverley Street, hosted an assortment of lectures organized by Professor of Psychology Louise Freeman, and created "Hufflepuff Village" on Page Terrace, with themed foods; trivia contests; face painting; life-size chess;



The By & By coffee shop is a favorite downtown hangout for students like (l-r) Gabe Glassman '22, Lucie Oechslin '22, Geddy Bartosch '22, and Brittany Murray '20.

and lessons on quills, runes, and potion making. There was also an admissions table with general information about MBU for the hundreds of visitors who passed through campus.

The Town-Gown Enrollment Strategy

"Staunton is where we live, work, and play. It's where we raise our families, send our children to school," said Aimee Rose, MBU's vice president for integrated communications and chief strategy officer, who recently moved with her family to the area. Rose is also the newly installed chair of the Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors. "We're promoting Staunton and the surrounding area to our prospective students because we know what a treasure it is, and we see how it positively shapes student life. It becomes a home away from home, a learning lab, and a fun place to spend their college years."

It's an idea Murray can personally attest to. In addition to her role on the downtown task force, she has also volunteered as a tutor at the Alternative Suspension Center for Staunton City Schools, providing academic support and serving as a mentor to at-risk students. "We build relationships, and it helps their behavior," says Murray, who is studying to become a teacher. "I thoroughly enjoy it, and it's what I want to do in the future."

In the recent undergraduate recruitment viewbook, Rose's communications team chose to highlight local cultural and recreational offerings among the academic, experiential, and residential advantages of a Mary Baldwin education. Mentions included the American Shakespeare Center's Blackfriars Playhouse, Visulite Cinema, R.R. Smith Center for History & Art, and Gypsy Hill Park, plus notes on the proximity of other attractions, such as the



PHOTO BY LINDSEY WALTERS

"The view from the top of the hill in front of Hunt was a big influence for why I said yes to MBU. It overlooks downtown perfectly and gives it that homey feel."

GEDDY BARTOSCH, CLASS OF 2022

Appalachian Trail and Wintergreen Resort.

The strategy was part of a larger effort that yielded a record-breaking number of campus visits, and the largest class of first-year students in the history of the institution.

"Staunton was a big draw for me when I first considered Mary Baldwin," said Gabe Glassman, a first-year student from Gettysburg, Pennsylvania. "I wanted a school that had a good relationship with a town accessible by foot."

Glassman wasted no time getting to know downtown Staunton — including the weekend farmer's market — as well as the region's hiking trails since her arrival in the fall.

"I love, love, love Chicano Boy, especially their awesome lunch special. I've had the best chai latte of my life at By & By. And I've spent many times with Dr. [Ty] Buckman, frequenting

The Split Banana with other provost scholars," Glassman says.

"As far as hiking goes, one of my friends at school is from the area, so he's my go-to trail guide. We made it to Humpback Rocks in the fall and are planning a weekend spent entirely on the Appalachian Trail."

Classmate Geddy Bartosch is from nearby Stuarts Draft, but has only begun to explore and appreciate Staunton after becoming a Fighting Squirrel this fall. When Bartosch isn't enjoying "the best gelato" at The Split Banana, you can find the music and business marketing double major in Gypsy Hill Park or hiking the trail at Humpback Rocks.

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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

1950

PEGGY WILSON Doherty '73

writes: "In April, my husband and I had a delightful lunch in Charlottesville with **MARGARET WILSON Wood '50**, better known to me as 'Aunt Margaret,' as she was my late mother's (**MARGARET GETTY Wilson '48**) roommate, bridesmaid, and dear friend for more than 60 years. Still as sharp, engaging, and upbeat as ever, she bikes 'in place' 3 miles every morning, follows University of VA basketball intently, and is a devoted 'Mamaw' to 8 great-grandchildren who live nearby. I consider myself very fortunate to have maintained this special connection with her over the years."

1956

Send your class notes to:

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It has been fun to see how many classmates are still staying in touch and visiting with one another.

BETTY BOYER Bullock writes from "sunny and hot (upper 80s)" southwest FL: "Doing well thanks to modern medicine. Talked to **SUE DOZIER Grotz** and Art last week and all is well with them. They plan to visit on my 85th on March 4 — how great is that! Family all well, busy, and happy in NY, PA, and NC." **SUE DOZIER Grotz** got my email asking for news while on the water, and writes: "Art and I are currently on our sailboat

heading back to our mooring at Gibson Island, MD. We are finishing our Yacht Squadron's cruise into Baltimore Harbor, attending Fleet Week." **ELLEN GIBSON Shaw** writes from Hendersonville, NC: "My time is taken up with reading, choir, being [husband] Frank's caregiver, and playing tennis whenever I can fit it in. We are grateful to be able to live at Carolina Village where we can get excellent help and care when needed. Excitement is provided by our grandson, Luca, a downhill mountain bike racer, who finished 6th in the recent World Championship race in Switzerland. We have 3 other grandkids that also make us proud — 2 in college, the 3rd graduated this year." During the summer, **JEANETTE FISHER Reid** and husband Judd Redfield traveled to UT to see Jeanette's 2nd great-grandchild, then went on to spend time in NV and the wine country of CA. **ELAINE BALDWIN** writes: "I had a great visit with Jeanette and Judd at their home in Black Mountain, NC, in Aug. I stayed with them a week, and the following week moved with my CA family members (my older daughter, Catherine, grandson Freddy and his girlfriend) to a lovely rental house near Lake Lure. We were all there for the wedding of the younger daughter of my younger daughter, Stephanie. One day while I was there, Jeanette and I met **CLARE TROTTI Stephens** and her granddaughter for a delightful lunch at the NC Arboretum. **SUE BERRY McMurray** and **LOIS MORRISON Zeigler** got together over the summer and happily caught up after a long time; Sue continues to teach mindfulness

at the Duke University Osher Lifelong Learning Institute, and Lois continues to create artworks. **BETTY ANNE HURT Ingraham** says: "I love reading about all of our ladies' travels and reunions. I have recently joined a 'chair' yoga class of about a dozen ladies, ages 62–87. I am still playing the piano for church, in addition to serving as treasurer. A book club limited to 12 and a women's club have kept me more involved than I really want to be. John and I have not been traveling as much in the last year; he needs a knee replacement which we are hoping to schedule soon." **NANCY PAYNE Dahl** reports from Staunton: "I love being with my family; we are very close. My oldest grandson is engaged to be married, my oldest granddaughter is a junior at Cornell and will spend next semester in France, and her brother is a freshman at Harvey Mudd [Claremont, CA]. Several grandchildren attend St. Anne's in Charlottesville, and 1 granddaughter is a student at Stuart Hall here in Staunton. Life is good."

1963

Send your class notes to:

NELL ROGERS Carvell

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NELL ROGERS Carvell writes:

"Thank you to each of you who took time to write! What a joy to hear from so many of our classmates. We ARE strong, viable adults, still contributing to our families, churches, and communities. Just reading about what you are doing makes me proud. It also makes me deeply grateful for our time at Mary Baldwin. What a gift to receive an education in a place that valued women long before we knew we were underappreciated! I was humbled and honored to be recognized by the school this year with a Distinguished Alumni Career Achievement Award. I loved every job I had and count it a blessing I was able to serve and help so many children. My husband, Jim, went with me to Staunton in April; it was his first visit to VA and the

campus. He was impressed with the campus, of course, but more than that with the quality of the women he met — such fabulous, interesting women! Our 2 boys are great and live in Dallas. One is single, 1 married, and we have 2 granddaughters (of course, beautiful and smart). They give us great joy. Jim and I have taught Sunday school for 40 of the past 50 years at the First Presbyterian Church in Dallas. In addition, I teach Bible study, fold origami to raise money for water wells (PaperforWater.org), and raise money for hospice. Jim plays guitar for 2 nursing homes (Alzheimer's units) and a children's library hour. We spend 3 days a week at our lake house recharging our batteries!"

GENE ANNE ALLREAD Smith

sent greetings from Canada: "My husband, David, and I have retired to the charming town of Niagara-on-the-Lake in southern Ontario, near Niagara Falls. We lived most our married life in Saskatchewan where we were both academics: David a political science professor and I in law. I was appointed a judge in 1997 and spent the last 15 years of my career as a superior court trial judge and then justice of the Saskatchewan Court of Appeal. Now I play duplicate bridge and enjoy lots of travel and my grandchildren. We had a great visit from **SUSANNA CLARK "SUSIE" Knapp** and Doug in Sept. We also enjoyed seeing **JUDY THOMPSON Hatcher** and her husband, Peter, who live in Toronto. We would love a visit from any other classmates who are up this way." **FAYE BAKER Clark** wrote that she and Bill are both still working! "I have been co-director of the Greater Birmingham Mathematics Partnership for the last 20 years. We received \$13 million from the National Science Foundation

"Whenever we get together I feel like I am home with my tribe." — SALLY DUPREE BARNETT '63

between 2004 and 2014 to do professional development with teachers and administrators and research about what kind of mathematics instruction works. Our daughter lives across the street from us and has 3 grown children. Our son just moved to Birmingham from Nashville via Santiago Chile with his wife and 3 boys. We are thrilled to have the whole family in town!" **JANET BISH Holmes** sent the sad news: "Gordon had a stroke in June and we have been staying home and going to doctors a lot. Nothing newsy here — just aging issues. No moves in the near future ... hubby won't budge." **JOANNE BROWN Morton** says: "Ashby and I are still making the move twice a year from SC to ME and back. We lost our 19-year-old cat this summer so will only have our old dog and a double axel U-Haul trailer in tow. It will be loaded with 'finds' for the Carolina Sampler, the antique business I have operated with a friend since 1984. We always look like the Beverly Hillbillies going home. We have 5 booths in 2 antique malls in the Columbia area. Ashby is in great shape. I had back surgery in 2016 for an injury, and again in 2017. I am better, but need both knees replaced — by 80 I should be bionic. I continue volunteer activities — as club advisor and past president of the Woman's Club of Columbia; president of the English-Speaking Union in Columbia; and the Majabigwaduce Chapter of the DAR here in ME. Our family visited us in ME this summer. Please come visit if you are near Columbia SC in the winter or Little Deer Isle ME in the summer." **LYNN BUTTS Laidig** writes: "Of course, our class is the most wonderful one MBC has ever had. Wasn't our gathering in April great? 1 of my most interesting trips this last year — other than to Staunton — was to have my 2 Mary Baldwin roommates **SHEARER TROXELL Luck** and **BECKY CANNADAY Merchant**, come to CO to visit me. We drove to Steamboat Springs and to the National Dinosaur Monument which was great. We

hiked and ate and said a blessing every night over dinner. I am volunteering at the Arvada Center for the Arts to keep busy. I give tours of art galleries, tours of the Arvada history museum, and help with art days when school buses of children come to see our plays and do art projects." **SUSANNA CLARK "SUSIE" Knapp** and her husband just returned from a Mediterranean cruise on a relatively small sailing vessel: "It was called a 'repositioning cruise,' which is when a ship leaves its summer cruising grounds to head for the Caribbean. We sailed from Athens and stopped in ports on the Greek Peloponnese, Sicily, Italy, France, Spain, Tangiers, and the last stop was Lisbon. We generally walked about 4 miles a day — straight up and straight down. We ate and drank wine, tried to speak some of the languages (failed Portuguese and Arabic), and now are home to a beautiful fall day. We travel as much as budget allows. In Jan., we went on a great birding trip in the Andes and the Amazon. Saw 362 species of birds in 10 days. Last Sept. we visited with **GENE ANNE ALLREAD Smith** and her husband, David, in Canada. We figure we had best go while we aren't doddering." **MACON CLEMENT Riddle** said: "It has been meaningful to me to hear from many of you since my beloved Hill died on July 29 after 56 great years — mostly in New Orleans. You may remember I couldn't stand to wait another year to be married, so I left Mary Baldwin and finished at George Washington University! I still enjoy seeing many of my Mary Baldwin friends." **JANE COULBOURN Marshall** reported that she, too, is cherishing these days and blessings, especially as the "Nanja" of 7 wonderful grandchildren. The oldest graduated in June, and the youngest entered pre-school. She writes: "I'm living 'on the premises' in a garage apartment on the Outer Banks of NC, so I'm close enough to pitch in as needed without being underfoot! My interests include church, cooking (without meats), reading (and as a retired librarian it

WHY I GIVE

Mallory Churning '08



Mallory Showalter Churning '08 likes to say that she chose Mary Baldwin for its persistence: "When you are recruited by the school, they are quite tenacious

with their handwritten notes. I think I got one in the mailbox once a week, and no other school did that."

As a student, Churning majored in political science and completed minors in leadership and women's studies. She was member of the Virginia Women's Institute for Leadership (VWIL), and in 2008, had the opportunity to travel to Dubai to represent the cadet corps at conference during International Women's Week.

Since graduating, Churning has made it a priority to contribute to VWIL, as well as the Baldwin Fund. "I want students to have the same opportunities or better than I had when I was at Mary Baldwin," she says.

Churning now works for the Veterans Affairs Medical Center in Salem as the medical staff coordinator. In addition to her job and caring for her two children, Churning is also on the Alumni Association Board of Directors and chairs the subcommittee for alumni chapter development.

"I like connecting with the alumni who came before me, hearing their stories, and seeing firsthand how much of a changemaker Mary Baldwin has always been," she says.

Last year, Churning and other Alumni Board members made a goal of 100 percent giving participation. While they weren't aiming for a specific dollar amount, the group contributed over \$50,000. When Churning speaks with other alumni, she likes to stress this importance of giving back in any amount. "It does all add up," she says. "It's the number of people who give, not the amount that makes the difference for the institution."

is great to be on the other side of the desk), and neighborhood walks with grandchildren and puppy dogs. My siblings are within a 100-mile radius, and we enjoy get-togethers. This summer I attended a marvelous life-long learning session at The Principia near St. Louis where I made many new friends. It was great to stay in a dorm again with a 'roomie!' And then a soul mate put this book in my hands — *Seven Brief Lessons on Physics* by Carlo Rovelli — short and compelling. Just right for our exciting world (universe) of today. I look back on my MBC days with much fondness, feeling blessed to have been so inspired by both classmates and professors. What a privilege to have attended Mary Baldwin, and I thank my parents yet again from my heart for having made possible those formative years." **EMILY DETHLOFF Ryan** reports that "after the hurricane in Houston flooded our house, Tom and I have been adjusting to senior living in a new high rise. Everyone is so nice, and the staff is super. Tom misses his garage and tool

box; I don't miss most housekeeping chores. I love getting projects done that I have wanted to do for years." **ANN DIAL McMillan** and George are enjoying the building boom taking place in Birmingham. Son George III and Meredith continue their successful culinary businesses, FoodBar and Merry Cheese Crisps. Daughter Ann Dial, husband Will Sims, and granddaughters Louise and Evelyn live in Asheville NC where **MACON CLEMENT Riddle's** daughter-in-law, Dr. Charlotte Riddle, is their pediatrician. The MBC connection continues. **SALLY DUPREE Barnett** stays active with classes at LearningQuest, a volunteer educational program where she is a coordinator, presenter, and student. She writes: "I am a graduate of and now a mentor for EFM, a theology program for lay people through The School of Theology at Sewanee. I remain active with my antique cars when my son can drive truck and trailer for me. I am also working on a seminar presentation for the Antique Automobile Club of America Annual Meeting in Feb. on

'Women drivers in the early age of the automobile, 1896–1917.' We will take our 1934 Chevrolet to a tour for cars made between 1927 and 1960. I teach 4th, 5th, and 6th grade Sunday School at St. Thomas Episcopal Church and serve on the funeral guild. I love living on my farm (non-working) with my 4 dogs, going to Tai Chi, attending Bible study, and lots of reading. At 1 of our Reunions (40th or 45th), Dr. Fox quoted some writings of Rufus Bailey in which he wrote about sending the women out into the world to be *shining lights in their community*. I think our class does that very well in diverse manners in our different professions, our churches, our families, and our communities. Whenever we get together I feel like I am home with my tribe." **PEGGY ENGLE Trumbo** writes: "a year and a half after Richard's death, I am slowly discovering acceptance and freedom, and I am grateful for these new feelings. We have a condo on the Piankatank River in Mathews County, and along with the peace the water brings, it also has brought me **MARY WHITTLE Chapman '65**, who fixed me up on a blind date with Richard in 1962. I walked into the local grocery store down here 2 years ago and there stood Mary. We recognized each other immediately and have kept in touch ever since. She and **MARGIE WOODSON Nea** are good friends and are working on a project for a John Philip Newell School in Kilmarnock. In Alexandria, I have both of our sons in the neighborhood with their families and feel very blessed for their support. As I purged my house, I discovered a photo of **NELL ROGERS Carvell** in Nassau in our bathing suits, and it is a keeper. We were so young and so naïve and had such fun our senior year." **TERRY GEGGIE Fridley** writes: "I love to hear from our classmates at MBC. After living in Covington for 43 years, we have downsized and now live in Lexington. We moved in 2011 and are very happy in our townhouse with no outside

maintenance. Our son lives in Lexington and our daughter is a musician in Asheville NC. We are in relatively good health and I continue to enjoy tennis and bridge. I am now a life master (bridge player) and play twice a week at a local club. I enjoy getting together with **SALLY LIVINGSTON Brown** and **CAROLYN HALDEMAN Hawkins**. We have managed to make it to the Grafton Society luncheon regularly since our 50th Reunion. Hope to see more of you there in April." **BRUCE GILL Hefler** writes: "I like to read and hear from old friends. My husband is retired now and is at home, so I don't answer the phone much — he does, with all the calls and robo calls. We're going to Mexico on a tour in Dec. We can see the ship from our porch in Sausalito." **MARTHA GRANT Rideout** and her husband, Tom, just returned from a trip to the 'Big Apple.' She writes: "It is still as big and busy as it was when we were there some years ago. We did join 750,000 others at the NY Public Library to visit with Christopher Robin's precious critters, as featured in his father's stories about the Hundred Acre Wood that he wrote for/about him (see photo on page 49.) Prior to that we joined our daughters in Atlanta to view the Tour Championship and FedEx Cup final. So, I guess we are pleased to say we are still on the move. I wish the same for all my classmates. It is surely better than the alternative, right?!" **ANNE HOGSHEAD Aleman** reports: "I am old, as all of us are. I have raised 5 children ... I'd like to think wisely ... but who knows? And who is the judge of that? My career was in civil rights enforcement at the state level from which I retired in 1991; then I moved to Durham, NC, where I worked at Duke for 15 years; and then returned north to be near kids and grandkids, where I worked for several years until retiring 'for good.' Now, I enjoy grandkids, high school classmates, exercise classes at my local Y, gardening, serious cooking — and being in touch with

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college buddies." **PENNY KIMBRO Kraus** writes: "Thanks for rounding us all up — it will be fun to hear from and about everyone. I live in Houston and spend time with my book club, volunteering, PEO, Mahjong (with **BETSY GRUBBS McCurry**), and having lunches and dinners with friends. My 2 daughters live in Orlando and Peachtree City, GA, with their families. They each have 2 children. My best wishes and good health to all!" **JUDY LIPES Garst** says: "My life is not fascinating. My son and youngest grandson still live with Reid and me. I volunteer at my church each month to do the church deposit. I am a member of the choir in our church (63 years, only taking time off for few months after each child was born). I often take my older grandchildren to lunch when schedules permit — 1 at a time so we can catch up with each other. My husband, Reid, and I have a rustic cabin (with modern conveniences) in the mountains not far from home. It has a pond stocked with trout and a beautiful stream running through it. We spend holidays there with the family. I get to Mary Baldwin for every Reunion, if health permits." **SALLY LIVINGSTON Brown** writes: "My husband finally retired, and we celebrated with a road trip in Ireland in July — just the 2 of us in a rented car. It was wonderful in every respect — lovely, friendly people; sunny, warm weather; fabulous music in the pubs we visited; and awesome scenery everywhere we looked. We will be in Morocco in Nov. and will be skiing out west in Jan. and Feb. The idea is to do as much as we can while we can!" **ROBBIE NELSON LeCompte** writes: "You are so right about the 'courage and energy' it takes when you are widowed. I lost my husband last year and it has been quite an adjustment. I am thankful for each day but not doing nearly as much as I was. My highlight of the year was welcoming my 1st great-grandchild into the world. I have a weekly bridge game, and it often reminds

me of all the fun hours I had in college playing bridge. I don't travel much but went to the Bahamas with my whole family last winter and later visited my brother in FL. I have my share of aches and pains and find I can walk a lot farther with my trusty walker. I enjoy my television, crossword puzzles, and good books as much as ever!" **ANNA KATE REID Hipp** writes: "Greenville SC has been my hometown since 1970. In those 48 years, Hayne and I have lived in 2 houses, reared 3 children who now live within a 50-mile radius of our house, and have produced 7 grandchildren. The predictable 'causes,' both local and regional, have filled up the years and kept us busy. Travel — especially in France — has provided lots of fun and entertainment. We created an organization to support SC, you can go to the website libertyfellowshipsc.org and see where we have invested time and resources over the past 15 years. It has been a great run!" **JUDY THOMPSON Hatcher** and her husband, Peter, are well. She writes: "Our 3 sons and their families live within 15 minutes of us in the middle of Toronto, and we get to see our 8 grandchildren lots. Love it! We have both stayed active through the years with Peter's high-level squash and tennis and my social games of tennis. But, alas, age and injuries have put us on the sidelines for the moment, and we are working hard to Band-Aid our 'parts' and return to the courts. Meanwhile, thank goodness for travel and bridge and books and friends. All good fun. We get back to VA yearly on our way south to escape March weather in Canada. Haven't seen Mary Baldwin lately, but it is wonderful to know that it continues to grow and educate young people in a viable caring way. Aren't we lucky to have had that MBC experience?!" **SHEARER TROXELL Luck** writes: "**BECKY CANNADAY Merchant**, **LYNN BUTTS Laidig**, and I spent a week in Steamboat Springs and

saw the lovely aspens, relaxed, hiked, talked, and visited Dinosaur National Monument in UT: a HUGE quarry of dinosaur fossils and a botanical garden with a wildlife preserve (saw a herd of 22 elk!). And generally eating our way across CO. Becky got some good photos, and Lynn wrote up our trip, so I'm hoping they'll be in touch with stories of our fun times. Our family will celebrate a college graduation, a high school graduation, and an engagement this year. All 16 + fiancée will be home for Christmas — a real feat." **LINDA WYATT Duncan** says: "I hear such fine things about MBC or MBU? I get back to the area occasionally in the summer for classes at W&L where my husband graduated, and we have gone to the theater in Staunton. The campus looks so beautiful. I do love keeping up with what is going on. I have been a studio potter for 40 years. Edgar loves his practice of law and will probably never retire. We are in San Antonio and go once a month with our Gordon setters out to West TX where we have a place near McDonald Observatory in the mountains. **SUE JORDAN Rodarte** and I were classmates at MBC and in high school and we are celebrating our 59th high school reunion. We both often laugh and remember the friends we had those 2 years we spent in VA. They are great memories; life is good." **MINTA McDIARMID Nixon** writes: "Not much to report ... Cobbs and I travel whenever possible. We just enjoyed trips to Canada and the Panama Canal. We have 1 grandchild who is a 2nd year at UVA; 1 who is a sophomore at UNC Chapel Hill; 1 who finished her master's at Wake Forest and works in Atlanta; and the last 2 are seniors in high school and are busy applying to colleges. More trips are planned, better go while we can!" We send our sympathy and prayers for the family of **INGRID CARLSON** who died recently.

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— JUDY THOMPSON HATCHER '63

1965

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Mary Baldwin 1965

It was great to hear from so many of you with your news of family, travels, and connections with classmates! I love to travel, and enjoyed 2 European trips this past year. In May, I took a Danube River cruise from "Budapest to the Black Sea," ending in Bucharest Romania, but starting off with a pre-trip in Vienna. In Sept., I headed to Ireland to visit 2 sets of old friends, 1 in County Down Northern Ireland, and 1 in County Louth in the Republic of Ireland. This was a terrific visit, and I loved sharing in the daily life of my Irish friends. Then I heard from **KAY EARLY Dougherty** that she and David had spent 2 months in Ireland during the summer, immersing themselves in the pleasures of this unbelievably beautiful country. I was envious of them, until I read the next part of her message. Their return home had them soon facing 1 of the

worst hurricanes to hit the coastal Carolinas in many years. Evacuating in advance of Hurricane Florence, they headed to their cabin in the mountains of VA. When they returned to their home in Wilmington, they were thankful that there was no major damage at their house, just lots of grounds clean-up and tree removal, but for other fellow North Carolinians, the devastation was unbelievable, and it will take many months for the area to return to "some state of normality," she writes. **PICKETT CRADDOCK** reports that Hurricane Michael, hitting the south a month later, took down the 200-year-old tree in the front yard of her south-central VA family home, which she now operates as Oak Grove Plantation B and B. Happier events for her earlier in the year were a trip with her husband, Mike Doan, to Reno for Christmas with Mike's sister, then on to a New Year's skiing trip in Sun Valley, ID, with son Chris Buchbinder and his wife and 4 children. Pickett and Mike enjoyed an April trip with this same family group to Maui. A Feb. trip to FL with her daughter, Sara, and her 2 children was also a welcome winter respite. During the summer, a group of classmates met up in Northern VA to visit, have lunch, and go shoe shopping! **JUNE EARLY Fraim** was joined by twin sister **KAY EARLY Dougherty**, **EMY MARTIN Halpert**, **JUDY ROY Hoffman**, **MARY LEWIS Hix**, **SUE HOOK Smith**, and **JUDY PAYNE Grey**. They had a great visit and everyone bought shoes. June also reports that she and husband Tom went to 4 countries in southern Africa in Aug. for a wonderful and educational trip. They are already beginning to plan their trip to Israel for next year. **JUDY PAYNE Grey** writes that she moved from NJ to Alexandria in July 2017 to be close to her son, his wife, and their now 2-year old son, Jack. Judy says she is finding out what everyone has been telling her, that being a grandmother and being able to live near one's grandchild is truly wonderful. Judy finds that being

back in VA is also wonderful. "There are endless things to do, and I have been able to play golf, tennis, and bridge with abandon." She also reports that **MARY LEWIS Hix** lives only a few blocks away and they enjoy going to concerts together. Also very nearby is Reagan National Airport — she can walk home from there. She has begun her 2nd year of tutoring 1st graders in reading. Judy says she attended a lunch last spring at the Arlington National Women's Museum where Dr. Pamela Fox and members of MBU's development office gave a most impressive report on the now-university we all love. She concludes by saying "VA is a special place and it's nice to be back." **EMY MARTIN Halpert** writes: "We celebrated my big birthday and our 20th anniversary with a 10-day Sept. trip to Oslo, Helsinki, and St. Petersburg." At the Hermitage their guide secured early morning entrance so "we climbed the marble steps and wandered through enormous rooms alone, getting the feel of life as a royal! What a gorgeous city with canals and beautiful architecture. We also loved Oslo." Emy says she is really looking forward to our next gathering of classmates. If not in 2019, definitely in 2020. **JANET "JAN" HADDRELL Connors** writes that since moving from FL to Greenville SC in 2016 she has been able to connect occasionally with **MARGARET GUNTER Riddle** and **DIANE COOPER Byers** in the Asheville NC-area. In addition, she recently enjoyed a visit to Richmond to see **NANCY JACKSON Miller**, and they had fun shopping and just catching up. She sends a report on Nancy, who she says stays busy with jazzercise and with choir and handbells at her church. Jan writes: "It's amazing to think about how long some of our college friendships have lasted. They're the best!" Jan says she has just completed her 3rd and final needlepoint Christmas stocking for her youngest grandchild, a true labor of love, and she continues

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— JANET "JAN" HADDRELL CONNORS '65

with daily water fitness classes, quilting, and training the latest addition to her household, Maggie, a golden retriever puppy.

MARGARET GUNTER Riddle writes that she continues doing some singing in church and other groups, helping an author with several projects, attending a weekly conversational French group, trying to downsize to a smaller home, going to exercise class 3 times a week, and using her skymiles to take some fun trips while she can still travel. She enjoys the beautiful area in and around her home in Asheville, and getting together from time to time with **DIANE COOPER Byers** and **JAN HADDRELL Connors**. **MARY GILLESPIE Amos** reports that she underwent breast cancer surgery in Aug., followed by 16 days of radiation. She recently celebrated recovering from this ordeal with a 2-week Mediterranean cruise with husband Tony, who was celebrating his recent retirement as well.

CHARLOTTE TYSON Mewborn and her husband had a great trip to Spain last spring. She writes that she adored the marvelous panoramic vista from Parador de Carmona near Seville. In Oct. she visited her twin sister, Judy, in MN at her cabin on White Fish Lake where they had a beautiful surprise snowfall, but kept warm and cozy. At home Charlotte says she delights in attending grandchildren's soccer games and cross country meets, plus art and theater events and book club. She continues her involvement with her

church, Meals on Wheels, and a soup kitchen. Congratulations go out to **PAULINE DOVE "POLLY" Lamal** who says that her artwork was selected for a second time by ArtPop Street Gallery in Charlotte as part of their public art program, placing art on billboards, buses, airports, newsstands, and other public places to provide opportunities for artistic appreciation and discovery. Polly put together 4 of her drawings to make 1 long image to be used on a billboard and also displayed at the Charlotte Douglas Airport during the month of Oct. 2018. **SARA JANE BEABOUT Hartman** lives in NYC and often gets together with classmates and especially members of the 1963 MBC Junior Year Abroad in Madrid. In March Cheryl Filsinger Held (from the year in Madrid group) and her husband, George, joined Sara for a lecture at the Frick Museum and fantastic exhibit by the 17th century Spanish painter Zurbarán. Sara's husband, Skip, joined the museum-going group and the 4 enjoyed dinner together in a nearby restaurant. In June, **DOROTHY "DOTTIE" IAFRATE Rudy** and husband John made their annual visit to NYC. Dottie was also in the Madrid year group, so they all enjoyed a delightful dinner with Cheryl and George in the village. Sara continued her connections with the Madrid group members, when in the San Diego area, by visiting **MEREDITH ROBERTSON Heineke** and touring her beautiful home in Coronado. Then in Indian Wells, CA, for the annual tennis tournament there, Sara and Skip visited **CONNIE WILLIAMS Nyhan** (also from the year in Madrid group) and her husband, John. Sara says that it was a "good year of a few delightful connections." (Sara has promised to "connect" with me soon in Atlanta!) **RANDI NYMAN Halsell** says that she and husband Ed loved their 18-day cruise to France, Italy, Spain, and Portugal to celebrate her 75th birthday. Favorite ports visited were Valencia, Gibraltar, and Sintra. Randi also

reports that their girls and families are doing well. Her grandchildren sound like quite the athletes. Their oldest grandchild plays volleyball for Bucknell, and granddaughter Sarah Kate Ashton, at age 15, won the national championship in her age group in wall climbing/bouldering. Sarah Kate then went to Moscow for the world championship competition where she placed 12th out of 65 winners from various countries. 3 other grandchildren are very involved in football, lacrosse, and club volleyball at their home in Newport Beach, CA. Needless to say, they all make their grandparents extremely proud. **PAULA STEPHENS Lambert** is a busy woman. Still immersed in her business, The Mozzarella Company, she has also been very busy with her travels. This past year she "spent 6 glorious weeks" in Italy in the spring and 6 more in the fall. In addition to taking small groups on culinary trips to Tuscany and Puglia with her Viaggi Deliziosi travel company, she also takes groups to Lismore Castle in Ireland. Last year she began taking groups on cruises aboard the SilverSea with her friend Chef Stephan Pyles. This year they sailed from Buenos Aires to Rio de Janeiro and in the Baltic Sea from Copenhagen to Stockholm. This coming year they are taking friends to Cuba on the SilverSea and to France on a riverboat cruise on the Riviera Line. Paula also reports that she had a great catch-up visit with **MARY LYNN GAY Turley** and **BLAIR LAMBERT Wehrmann** '64 in Dallas last spring, having fun reminiscing about college days and beyond. **ELIZABETH BROWN McKell** reports that she and husband Jay "have been traveling fools ... going whenever we can!" They recently returned from a Canada-New England cruise between Boston and Montreal. They're thinking of Scandinavia next. On a sad note, **CAROL GIBSON Kanner** writes that she lost Fred, her friend and husband of 53 years, from metastatic kidney cancer in Aug. 2018. We know how

devastating the loss of a life partner is and send Carol our deepest condolences.

1967

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1968

KATHLEEN DUNBAR Dyer writes to us with sad news: "My husband, Bob, died Aug. 24, 2015. One year later my 46-year-old daughter had a stroke while training for a triathlon from which she is still recovering. My mother died Oct. 11, 2017."

1969

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JUDY GALLOWAY writes from NYC: "My son (33 years) and I are well, which is most important. He has developed into a successful self-made business owner and, most importantly, a 'good man,' but no wife and grandbabies yet. I am still working full time and teaching as an adjunct at New York University. I read A LOT mostly about the era of WWI and WWII. I was a guest on a National Geographic cruise to Tahiti and the South Pacific this summer. Politics and the division in this country break my heart. I still miss **PENNY ODOM Thompson** every day. **YUM LEWIS Arnold** and I are all signed up for the Reunion. After being the mom of my son, my years at MBC and lifelong MBC friends are the highlight of my life." **JUDY WEST Kidd** writes: "Tommy and I are still in Richmond but also have a house at VA Beach that we go to a lot. Teddy, our middle son, lives in Alexandria. The other 2, T, our oldest, and Ellen, our youngest, are both around

the corner from me with our 5 grands, ages 10, 9, 8, 7, and 3." **JANET TURNER Chewing Barrows** sent her greetings on a gorgeous CA fall day as she was on the way to "get into the garden and plant the kale and collards while I've got this sunshine warming my back!" **JANIE CARTER Vaughan** writes: "New grandson born to my son Rawley and wife Melissa. He was born 2 and 1/2 months prematurely and just got home recently. David and I traveled in Scotland and a bit in England in Aug. Great to see friends in both places and to meet a cousin of mine. Looking forward to April in Staunton." **J WADE** writes: "I retired in March, and the hardest part was losing IT at work. Had 4 operations in April and May, then PT. Got hacked in July. Got my condo ready to sell and closed in Sept. Same day bought a cute 1960s ranch and have been renovating ever since, but it's close to being done. Haven't really gotten to retire yet but will sleep when this is over. **MARGIE LIVINGSTON** and **SUSAN TRAIN Fearon** dropped by and met my contractors but I was out. Can't wait to catch up with them." **BETSY NEWMAN Mason** writes: "After living in Norfolk since 1969, Norman and I moved last year to St. Mary's County in Southern MD. We live 6/10 of a mile from our older daughter's family, and we love being involved in our 3 MD grandkids' lives. We enjoy traveling and have a boat on which we spend more than 100 nights a year. We have motored the entire east coast from the Keys to ME as well as parts of Canada. We have both been to each of the 50 states, albeit not all by boat! We are thoroughly enjoying life." **ANN LEWIS Vaughn** writes: "On April 9, 2017, I lost Tom, my husband of 48 years, to lung cancer. He was an OB/GYN for 25 years in his hometown Mount Airy, NC, and he dedicated his life to the well-being of his many patients. When asked to chair a

fundraising campaign to bring 3-D mammography to our local hospital, I accepted as a way to honor Tom for his compassion and his pioneering efforts to bring the latest in technology to his own practice. He was the first to have a mammography clinic in his office to make it affordable and convenient for his patients. On June 15, 2018, after raising close to \$100,000 from family, close friends, and patients (which Northern Hospital matched), I cut the ribbon on the new 3-D mammography suite, and they hung a memorial plaque in Tom's memory in the waiting area. Our family was in attendance, and we all agreed that, although Tom was not one for fanfare, he would have been mighty proud to be associated with bringing something this important and critical to our area." **JACQUELINE RIEPE "RIPPER" Hill** writes: "Hunter and I returned recently from an Oct. trip with **ANN SIMS Rutherford** and her husband, Bob, to Door County WI and the Upper Peninsula of MI. We were lucky enough to catch fall foliage at its peak — as well as an unexpected wind-driven snow off Lake Michigan! While the natives warmly bundled up in heavy winter coats, hats, and gloves, we shivered in our sweaters. Friendships spawned at Mary Baldwin and nurtured over 50+ years feed the soul. Hunter and I enjoy the simplicity of a quiet lifestyle. We're fortunate to have daughter Kathryn, son-in-law Steve, and granddaughter Gracie (6) in town.

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It's a treat to live close enough to be involved in Gracie's life on a regular basis. Our son, Stephen, his wife, Corrine, and our grandson Andy (9) live in Boise, ID. That's not exactly a quick trip across town, but we usually manage to get together with them a couple of times a year." **JANE TOWNES** writes: "My travel karma is terrible. Each of the last 2 years I've been part of mandatory hurricane evacuations of the SC coast that cut short my annual beach fix. At least this year I knew the drill and got ahead of the crowd making the trip easier than last year when I was on the road lining up for gas with 1.6 million other people from FL, GA, and SC. Favorite playtime now is with 4 1/2 year-old great niece and 2 great nephews, aged 7 and newborn. The older 2 are both readers, and I'm enjoying influencing that. The youngest hasn't yet adjusted to my burping technique. I have a couple of history articles in process for publication, but everything else is more fun so they are neglected. Flashbacks to Oct. of our senior year at Mary Baldwin include: 1) Sitting on a cold floor of my study cell in Spencer Ground with stacks of books and class notes all around me, 1 stack for every history class I'd had. 2) Being there for months cramming for — and panicking over — 'comps' (the oral 'comprehensive' exams we took near the end of our senior year). 3) Typing for hours on a Royal portable manual typewriter that only sometimes had a ribbon dark enough to read print, and typing slowly because it was such a

pain to make corrections in papers for independent study on which Pat Menk marked every error, including typos. 4) Thoroughly stressing for the last couple of weeks leading up to comps, thinking I was as prepared as I could be, and then being completely sunk when my first question was Dr. Stanley's 'Miss Townes, how is that you've been a history major for 4 years and have never taken my class?' 5) Finishing comps thinking I had not passed them, and going right back to the cold-floored study cell to start cramming again for a re-take because faculty wouldn't give us a result until all history majors had finished the process. 6) Finally hearing I'd passed and had wasted days re-studying, and being so relieved I got high on half a beer. Ah, yes, senior year ... The faculty was right that the oral exam experience would be good for us. In 2 later sets of graduate orals, I was always the calmest person in the class. Nothing was going to be as bad as comps at MBC. I'm looking forward to seeing everybody at our 50th Reunion next April." **BEKAH KENNEDY Caruso** writes: "Bill and I drove up I-81 in Oct. to Falls Church to spend the long Columbus Day weekend with our son and his family. As we often do, we studied the map to see who we know along the way, to scout out likely suspects who might grant us B-and-B privileges, thus sparing our budget the cost of a room overnight. I remembered that **LIZ JENNINGS Shupe '70** had contacted me several years earlier about the use of our family cottage in Montreat for her church's youth contingent at 1 of the summer youth conferences. Aha, mission accomplished! Liz and her husband received us most graciously at their home in the wilds outside of Lexington where we were treated to fine food, fine company, a fine bed, and a very fine sunset. Liz has gone back to work very recently on the MBU campus, providing assistance in the alumni office. In the directory she's listed as a

'special non-employee.' You must ask her to explain! How great it was to be able to email someone a class behind me, whom I'd not seen for years, to ask for a bed and breakfast, and to be greeted as an old friend. Thanks so much, Liz!"

1970

Facebook group page:
MBC Class of 1970

1971

ELISABETH FORE Keatinge writes: "All is well here in Pacific Palisades. Dan and I have loved the last few years of full retirement: travel, meaningful volunteer activities, and more time with friends. We took an interesting trip to Spain in Oct. 2017, arriving in Barcelona 2 days after the vote for Catalanian separation. In 2018 we are looking forward to a trip to NY; a family reunion in Culpeper; and later in the fall, a cruise beginning in Rome and ending in Venice with stops in Albania and Croatia. All year round we enjoy exercising and socializing at our club on the beach — SoCal at its best. I have missed attending Reunions; I will look forward to our 50th in only 3 years."

1972

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BARBARA BUTLER Leonard gets the prize for being first to respond! She visited Ireland with her husband's glee club, survived her 50th high school reunion, has 3 grandchildren in Denver and 1 on the way in Austin, and spent 5 days with **EVE BREMERMAN** in Santa Fe. **JILL KIELY** writes: "Here I am 68 years old and a newlywed! In July, **SUE HENRY Martin** and **LIZ SMITH Strimple** made the trip to OH to help celebrate my marriage to Dr. William A. Pease." **JILL BUTLER Pendleton** and husband John bicycled through

the Canadian Rockies with a group last summer ... lots of fun and beautiful scenery. From **SUSAN PIERCE Lancaster**: "Last May, **SARAH CROCKETT Eggleston**, **JILL BUTLER Pendleton**, and I celebrated our 50th high school reunion with 100 classmates in Roanoke. The event turned out to be better than we ever expected due to the efforts of our MBC Class of '72 news correspondent **JILL BUTLER Pendleton**. Jill spent a year finding classmates and enticing them to attend our reunion. We could not have a more qualified and better news reporter for our 'We'll be best when we are through, 1972' class!!" ("Yours truly paid Susan to write that!) I, like many of you, am enjoying retirement and playing with 6 grandchildren and realizing I don't have the stamina I once did. But learning how to do the latest kids' dance "the floss" and cheering at tennis, golf, soccer, basketball, and baseball is just the best." **LEA AYERS Gilman** reports that her daughter Ayers married Adam Dawes on Sept. 15. **LELIA LYTLE** attended her 50th high school reunion in Sept.

1974

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1976

JACQUIE TONER writes: "My 5th book for children will be released on Nov. 20. This one is particularly special because I wrote it not only with fellow psychologist and long-time co-author, Claire Freeland, but also with my daughter (and pediatric physical therapist), Kendra Barrett. *YES I CAN! A Girl and Her Wheelchair*

provides a bridge for young elementary-school children to learn to accept and include a peer with a physical disability. A chapter for adults provides guidance in answering common questions and expanding discussion."

1980

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LAURA REED Bivans writes:

"Hope everyone is enjoying turning 60! I threatened everyone so they ignored my birthday. I was fine afterward. It's been a busy, somewhat sad year. I went to 11 funerals this summer for old friends and family. My mom has been in the hospital and rehab twice since Aug. (knee replacement then broken hip — same leg!), and we've had other family members in the hospital off and on. I know they are getting up there in age, but I'm not quite ready for this. Dave and I are enjoying the 'empty nest' somewhat, but I miss having the kids at home. Margie '10 is still working for The Frost School for autistic teens; she's now going for a master's in teaching from Penn State. She's living in Fairfield PA. Thomas is going to spend the winter driving semis from Bowdon, ND, to wherever the grain has to go. He wants to see if that will be his 'permanent' job. He has fallen in love with the west, and I doubt he'll ever move back here! Miss Maggie (the dog) wants me to be home and isn't happy with school being back in session, but we still

have our evening walks. Enjoy this time, even with all its changes. In 2 years we have a Reunion coming up. Let's start thinking about what we want to do as a class. Go, 1980!" **ALISE LEARNED Mair** reports: "Update on the fam ... Bill retired after 41.5 years with IBM and has settled in to his new career as town clerk in the town of Wayne where we now live. Our oldest daughter, Amanda, and her husband, Rik (from Scarborough, England), live and work in Berlin for a company called Blinkist. Our younger daughter, Maggie, works for Cornell Cooperative Extension in Yates County as their marketing and promotions manager, and I have returned to the mediation field as the program manager for the Custody and Visitation Program in Steuben County, NY. Thanks for reaching out and trying to keep our class of 1980 connected to our beautiful Mary Baldwin."

SUSAN MARTIN Roberts writes:

"Here's my scoop: Gary and I are still doing great here in Fort Pierce, FL. Our winery, Summer Crush Vineyard and Winery, keeps us quite busy but we love it. I am happily still using my business degree from Mary Baldwin. We currently have 6 grandchildren with another due by the end of the year. Our family is what brings us the greatest joy, and we are fortunate so many of our children live close by. We have another wedding to look forward to in 2019, which will marry off all but 1 of our 'Brady Bunch' crew." **MARGE LINDQUINST King** writes: "After 38 years of teaching, I am throwing away my chalk. In reality I am turning in my iPad at the end of this school year. After having taught middle school Math for 30 years, I am now the ISS (In School Suspension) coach. I get the hell raisers at the top of their game. I love it; I get to say what I've been thinking all

WHY I GIVE

Donna Dearman Smith '70



Donna Smith's '70 journey to Mary Baldwin was not an easy one — it involved a full day's train ride from Birmingham, Alabama, to Charlottesville, and then waiting at the

station until there were enough people to take a cab to Staunton.

"But what I think helped prepare me was that overall experience," Smith says. "The academics challenged me, but so did leaving home and going somewhere — and somewhere that was not easy to get to. The experience gave me confidence that I could manage by myself."

A political science major at Mary Baldwin, Smith transferred to the University of Alabama, and following an almost 38-year career with the Southern Company, she retired as vice president of human resources and ethics at Alabama Power Company. She remains involved with activities in Birmingham, including an organization for victims of domestic violence, and also serves on the board of McKinney Communications Company and First U.S. Bank.

As someone who was once named one of "Birmingham's Top Women" by the Birmingham Business Journal, Smith has become an advocate for women in leadership roles. "And I have to think that journey to leadership starts with being confident in college," she says.

Smith recently made a gift to the Women's Leadership Symposium hosted by the Mary Baldwin College for Women at MBU, which focuses this year on the theme of "Finding Our Strengths in the 21st Century," and has also contributed to other areas of the university over the years.

"I appreciated the sacrifice my parents made to send me, and I'm happy to be able to give to people whose parents perhaps need some additional help to send them," says Smith. "It's a wonderful thing to continue to work with your alma mater, to continue to make the school strong, and to make opportunities available for other people."

"It is good to be back in VA. I have always cherished my MBC memories and the people I met there: both faculty and FELLOW STUDENTS."

— KAREN PIETROWSKI MALCOM '80

these many years! My daughter is a sophomore at Travis Early College HS and will be able to earn both a HS diploma and an associate's degree from San Antonio College. I stay in touch with **AMERICA DE LA GARZA '81**, who lives in H-town, and follow **MARGUERITE LINDQUIST Kling '80** on Twitter. As for the weather, we've done okay in San Antonio." **KAREN PIETROWSKI Malcom** writes: "Not much to tell, except that we (my husband, Eryx, and I) have moved to Aldie to be close to the kids and our 3 year-old grandson. We moved into an agri-hood called Willowsford (farm, trails, cooking classes, fitness programs, etc.) and are really enjoying it. It is good to be back in VA. I have always cherished my MBC memories and the people I met there: both faculty and fellow students." **SANFORD JONES McAllister** writes: "So the year of turning 60 has some advantages: lots of great outings! I went with 9 other friends from MT in July (1 who now lives in CA and 1 in NH) on a 6-day hike through the Bob Marshall Wilderness in MT. We hiked to the Chinese Wall — great, but tough — glad to have it off my bucket list. In Oct. I went on a surprise trip with 3 MT friends and my sister from Atlanta to St George's, UT, to a spa to celebrate my birthday. Our 3 boys are all studying abroad in England this fall semester (one is in Bath where I studied when I was at MBC), so we will visit them in London and Bath for Thanksgiving. All in all, a great year."

1982

DANA FLANDERS writes that she retired from Crown Jewelers. She is playing bridge, gardening, quilting, and traveling. **TERRI YOUNG Fort** says: "The Fort family is well and busy as usual. Our older son is living in Pinehurst, NC, with his fabulous wife. He is a sergeant in the VA National Guard, owner of

Wicked Wax Mobile Detailing, and getting his master's in accounting. His wife is an intelligence analyst with the DOD. Our younger son is a financial crimes specialist at Wells Fargo and is making wedding plans with his amazing girlfriend who is a purchasing agent at Altec. We are so proud that both of our sons chose strong leaders to be their wives. My career as an environmental contractor is in full bloom, as I continue to solve complex issues surrounding chemical waste disposal needs for industrial and federal sites. I enjoy creating and implementing solutions that introduce beneficial reuse, workflow efficiencies, and economic desirability. Eddie is moving toward retirement from his award-winning home building, but will continue his property management work. My work is project intensive with large bursts of long hours peppered with downtime in between. We spent 2 weeks in May 2018 overlanding in Botswana, plus time in Johannesburg and London. We are outdoor adventure enthusiasts and the time spent camping/traversing the bush and the Kalahari was amazing. We plan to spend Christmas this year in Hatteras and in April will go overlanding in Namibia with friends from France and Switzerland."

1983

Facebook group page: Mary Baldwin College Class of '83

1984

Facebook group page: Mary Baldwin College Class of 1984

1986

Facebook group page: Mary Baldwin College Class of 1986

1987

Facebook group page: MBC Class of 1987

1988

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Griffin GA 30224
478-244-2300
sistersquirrel1988@gmail.com
Facebook group page: Mary Baldwin College Class of 1988

KARIN WHITT led her Collegiate School boys' tennis team to its second state title in the school's history on May 20, 2018, at the VA Independent Schools Athletic Association (VISAA) State Tournament at the University of Mary Washington in Fredericksburg. Karin has been the boys' and girls' tennis program leader and varsity head coach at the Collegiate School since 2006.

1990

The Rev. KRISTEN BARNER and her husband, David Loar, have a new weekly podcast called *This is This*: a husband and wife perspective on what and why we are talking about life and love when a spouse is diagnosed with a giant, life-altering medical diagnosis. On Jan. 9, 2017, Kristen woke up with every symptom of a heart attack, except she was also suddenly paralyzed from chest to toes. After 5 weeks in the hospital, ICU, and inpatient rehab, plus a year of intensive outpatient therapy, Kristen can now walk short distances with a cane. Tune into the podcast at podbay.fm/show/1358146289 or on iTunes.

1992

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MELISSA L. KELLEY and
NINA BAXLEY Rogers
melissaloukelley@gmail.com,
janina.rogers@gmail.com
Facebook group page:
MBC Class of '92

1993

MARGARET KLUTTZ "MEG"
Dees is the vice president of development for Catawba College. She joined the Catawba College administration in Aug. for a 2-year period as an executive on loan from the Charlotte-based Foundation for the Carolinas. She has worked with the foundation since 2008 as vice president of philanthropic advancement, affiliate development. Meg enjoys living in her hometown of Salisbury, NC, with husband Jay and 2 children, Archie (16) and Maggie (14).

1995

Send your class notes to:
SELENE GORMAN-Rose
selene_gorman@hotmail.com
Facebook group page: Mary Baldwin Class of 1995
JUDY MOORE writes that she is currently working as a tour guide and public relations liaison with the Central High Museum, Charlotte Court House. She is the recording secretary in this organization. She is also a guest columnist with *The Charlotte Gazette* newspaper in Drakes Branch where she writes historical profiles monthly. She has been doing this for 16 years. Additionally, she is a volunteer librarian at The Wylliesburg Community Library Wylliesburg.

1996

Facebook group pages: MBC Class of '96 and MBC '96

1998

Send your class notes to:
JENNIFER FLOYD
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Facebook group page: Mary Baldwin Class of 1998

1999

Send your class notes to:
DENISE HAYES
cdenisehayes@gmail.com
Facebook group page: Mary Baldwin College Class of 1999

REBECCA STEVENS Teaff lives in Towson, MD, with her husband, Robert Teaff, son Liam (6), and dogs Edward and Paris. In 2009, Rebecca founded Redstart Creative, a creative marketing firm working with nonprofits and women-owned small businesses. Rebecca volunteers on the communications committee for MD Family Network and the parish council at the Church of the Nativity and was awarded The Top 100 Women in MD in 2015 and 2018. She still braves for squirrels and wears pearl earrings.

2001

Send your class notes to:
AMBERLEIGH COVELL Powell
amberleighp@icloud.com
Facebook group page: Mary Baldwin College Class of 2001

2002

Send your class notes to:
BECKY STRICKLAND Letellier
letellier2030@charter.net
Facebook group page: Mary Baldwin Alumnae/i c/o 2002

2003

Send your class notes to:
JULIE OXNER
julie.oxner@gmail.com
Facebook group page: MBC 2003

2004

Send your class notes to:
SARAH HATFIELD Nichols
Facebook group pages: MBC Oh-Four! and Mary Baldwin College Class of 2004

LINDSEY LIEBERMAN writes: "Over the course of 9 days in August, James and I hiked, camped, drove, and climbed our way through 12 national lands across 3 states. Highlights included El Malpais National Monument, the north rim of the Grand Canyon, Kasha-Katuwe Tent Rocks National Monument, and the Coconino National Forest. As if that wasn't exciting enough, we got married

during the trip! Our big day was August 10, in beautiful Taos, New Mexico. We celebrated with friends and family back in Dallas on August 24. Fellow squirrels in attendance: **KENDRA CLARKE '03**, **SARAH HATFIELD Nichols '04**, and **Leah GRISER '15**."

2005

Send your class notes to:
BETH SOUTHARD
e.southard@uea.ac.uk
Facebook group page: 2015 Class of 2005 Reunion

2006

Send your class notes to:
HEATHER HAWKS Marks
hawkshl@hotmail.com
Facebook group page: Mary Baldwin Class of 2006 Alumnae/i

LEIGH FRAME has had a dream year. First she became the program director for Integrative Medicine at the George Washington School of Medicine and Health Sciences, where she is building the nutrition program. Leigh has also gotten engaged to her friend and fellow scientist Scott Jackson. The 2 are planning a destination wedding in Barbados in 2019.

2007

Send your class notes to:
VIRGINIA HERRERA
vicky85bek@yahoo.com
Facebook group page: Mary Baldwin College Class of 2007

MELISSA COBB writes: "I am the new principal of Parry McCluer High School in Buena Vista. My position officially started on July 1, but my work began as soon as graduation took place on May 26." **JENNY TERRELL Womble** and husband **TRAVIS WOMBLE BSN '17** are happy to announce the birth of their 3rd child, Henry Reese Womble.



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2008

Facebook group page:
MBC Alumna 2008

2009

Facebook group pages: MBC
Class of 2009 and Class of
2009 (MBC Chapter)

CHRISTIAN "ROMEO" Keller
and husband Patrick Keller
welcomed baby girl Annemarie
Jo Keller on Feb. 9, 2018.

2011

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MEG PITTS Tammel and
SAMANTHA ENGSTLER Wilson
marybaldwin2011@gmail.com
Facebook group page: Mary
Baldwin College Class of 2011
SAMANTHA ENGSTLER Wilson

writes that she and Ryan along
with their daughter, Emilia, moved
from NAF Atsugi Japan to NAS
Whidbey Island, WA, in early Nov.
The move marked their 3rd year
anniversary in Japan. During
her time in Japan, Samantha
worked at DOD Community
Bank as a senior banking center
service specialist and taught
English at Kashiwagi Gauken, a
Japanese high school in Yamato
Japan. Ryan recently received
his WINGS with the US Navy.

2012

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cblazejak2012@gmail.com
Facebook group page: Mary
Baldwin College Class of 2012

YVONNE DEBLOIS married Brian
Kahil on Sept. 29, 2018. **CAIT
HENCK** lives in Bristol, UK, after
moving from Copenhagen for
professional advancement in Nov.
2017. She recently celebrated
her 5-year anniversary with
Epic Systems with a company-
sponsored sabbatical to French
Polynesia in Sept. 2018. **SARAH
BAILEY** graduated from Eastern
Mennonite Seminary in May 2018.
After graduating she began serving
as full-time pastor at Clover Hill
Methodist Church in Dayton.
AUDRA POWELL Wentworth
married Dylan Wentworth on June
16, 2018. **ANAYA JONES** recently
started a position with Southern
New Hampshire University as
an e-learning librarian. We wish
her luck with her new hobby of
competitive basket weaving.
**Capt. BRITTANY LEDBETTER
Duncan** married Capt. Jeffrey

Duncan on April 7, 2018; the
couple resides in Ft. Stewart, GA.

2013

Facebook group page: Mary
Baldwin College Class of 2013

2014

Facebook group page: Mary
Baldwin College Class of 2014

2015

Facebook group page: Mary
Baldwin College Class of 2015
DONTÉ MONTAGUE '15, a 4th
grade teacher at Ware Elementary
in Staunton, received the
prestigious Dawbarn Education
Award for his "extraordinary
commitment to the education
of youth in the public schools,"
November 16, 2018.

2016

Facebook group page: Mary Baldwin Class of 2016

REBECCA GALLANT writes: "I have been on the Warwick, RI, Police 'community service officer' volunteer service, and will soon be transferring to another volunteer police organization to work toward my MA Police/LEO certification. I work now in my field full time as a security officer for a major building in the heart of Boston. Things have been going slowly, but are moving along in the right direction."

2017

KELSEY ALLEN Powell writes that she married her high school sweetheart, Dwayne, on Aug. 12, 2018. **TAYLOR FRICK White** writes that she married husband Matthew on July 28, 2018.

ARRIVALS

SAMANTHA ENGSTLER Wilson '11 and Ryan: a daughter, Emilia Ann, October 1, 2017

NICOLE BRENNER '07 and Ross Grogg: a daughter, August 2018

KIM BOULDEN '04 and Paul: a daughter, Philomena, October 2018

JENIELE LEWIS Lusk '04 and Trina: twins, November 5, 2018

MART HOUSTON WRIGHT Cavicke '00 and David: a son, David Houston, July 10, 2018

MARRIAGES

LINDSEY LIEBERMAN '04 to James Ringer, August 2018

DEATHS

NELLIE HANKINS SCHMIDT '36, April 3, 2018
MARGARET BROWNING "PEGGY" BUSICK '39, January 14, 2018
DORRIS WITHERS MCNEAL '41, July 6, 2018
BETTY VARIAN CREWS BRANDON '43, April 19, 2018
BETTY WOLFE WINDHAM '44, January 29, 2018
ELIZABETH WALKER FENSEL '44, June 7, 2018
FRANCES LOCKHART JACKSON '45, May 9, 2018
JULIE W. SPRUNT '45, June 10, 2018
DORIS ALLEN DOWELL '46, May 2, 2018
JEAN BAYLOR NAY '46, May 13, 2018
EMILY ANN MOORE SEAY '46, August 2, 2018
JEAN PARKER BICKLE SMITH '46, September 19, 2018
BETTY BRYANT ANSPACH '46, October 21, 2018
MARY FRANCES QUICK DEAVER '47, February 5, 2018
ELIZABETH HARDIN "LIB" TAYLOR '48, May 22, 2018
JO BALES GALLAGHER '48, October 4, 2018
RUTH ANDERSON GREENWALD '48, May 25, 2018
JANE S. LEACHMAN IRBY '49, November 23, 2018
JOYCE KAGIN MCCAULEY '50, March 20, 2018
MARIE MCCLURE BECK '50, April 16, 2018
PATRICIA ANDREW "PATTY" GOODSON '51, April 26, 2018
ELIZABETH BRINCKERHOFF THOMAS '51, June 6, 2018
MARIE TEAGUE CRANSTON '52, January 29, 2018
REBECCA DANZIGER SNELL '52, January 22, 2018
ELIZABETH TODD COMPO '52, February 22, 2018
BETTY GWALTNEY SCHUTTE '52, April 23, 2018
BETSY SEWARD WILSHIRE '52, July 8, 2018
PATRICIA COOK JACKSON '53, January 31, 2018
MARCIA MUMMA HODGES '53, March 11, 2018
MARY JO SHILLING SHANNON '53, April 2, 2018
HARRIETTE TEBELL LONG '53, September 4, 2018
ELIZABETH ROBINSON "BETSY" HARRISON '55, January 15, 2018
PATRICIA SEELEY "PAT" OSBORNE '55, February 10, 2018
HOPE WHITE WILLIAMS '55, August 10, 2018
HELEN THOMPSON SHARPLEY '57, February 5, 2018
PHEBE PALMER BISHOP '61, April 29, 2018
ELEANOR STARKE EVANS '61, May 15, 2018
JENNIFER WILSON "JENNY" GREEN '62, Date Unknown
PENN WALKER FLOURNOY '62, July 9, 2018
LACEY SANFORD HUDGINS '62, August 19, 2018
CAROL GRAHAM HAIRSTON '65, January 27, 2018
CAROLYN MURPHY PARKER '67, November 2017
BARBARA PRICE FREEMAN RAGSDALE '67, October 30, 2018
MARGARET "PEGGY" EVANS '68, January 22, 2018
BARBARA WAINSCOTT SIMMONS '68, April 18, 2018
LAURIE NELSON BAILEY '77, May 18, 2018
ELIZABETH BURNETT HAYMAN '78, April 11, 2018
FRANCES JOHNSON HATCHER '81, February 8, 2018
REV. PEGGY LOU WRIGHT '86, November 21, 2018
SHARON HARPER WELLS '88, August 24, 2018
LINDSAY KAY PERKINS, September 12, 2018 (attended MBC 1996–97)
JENNIFER JEAN BREEDEN '00, May 29, 2018
PAUL A. GENSUROWSKY '00, November 30, 2018
JAMIE LYNN TURNER '03, August 24, 2018
DYANA VASQUEZ-FLORES '14, November 18, 2018
ANNA LEWIS PARKER, December 5, 2017

OUR CONDOLENCES

to members of the Mary Baldwin community who lost loved ones

MACON CLEMENT RIDDLE '63 on the passing of her husband, **The Rev. Hill Carter Riddle**, July 29, 2018

MRS. CAROL GIBSON KANNER '65 on the passing of her husband, Aug. 3, 2018

ELLEN PORTER HOLTMAN '71 on the passing of her mother, Sept. 4, 2018

LAURA DESPORTES '79 on the passing of her father, **ULYSSE G. DESPORTES, JR.**, professor emeritus of art, Feb. 14, 2018

ANNE BROYLES PROCTOR '83 on the passing of her mother, **Betty Fraley Broyles**, May 7, 2018

SUSAN PARKER DREAN '83 on the passing of her mother, Nov. 3, 2018

RUTH BELL GRAHAM '00 on the passing of her father, **The Rev. Billy Graham**, Feb. 21, 2018

The family of **WILLIAM WATKINS KELLY**, former president of Mary Baldwin University, April 17, 2018

The family of **FRANCES S. MCALLISTER**, widow of former faculty member James L. McAllister, June 17, 2018

The family of **JOHN P. WILKINSON**, adjunct faculty, healthcare administration, July 23, 2018



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SHARED!

1. **PEGGY WILSON** Doherty '73 (l) is pictured with **MARGARET WILSON** Wood '50.
2. **EMY MARTIN** Halpert '65, celebrating her birthday in Helsinki.
3. MBU alums enjoy a weekend in Asheville touring the Biltmore estate and Chihuly glass exhibition: (l-r) **LYNN TUGGLE** Gilliland '80, **JENNIFER JAMES** '11, and **ALISON KAUFMANN** '07.
4. Hunter, Matilda, and Henry, children of **JENNY TERRELL** Womble '07 and husband **TRAVIS WOMBLE** BSN '17.
5. Three Mary Baldwin alums and a friend enjoy lunch: (clockwise from bottom left) Pam Nelson, **MARY LYNN GAY** Turley '65, **PAULA LAMBERT** Stephens '65, and **BLAIR LAMBERT** Wehrmann '64.
6. **BEKAH KENNEDY** Caruso '69, enjoying spending time with her family.
7. **CAIT HENCK** '12 in London.
8. "We join in wishing Mary Baldwin University a bright future." Class of 1963 classmates sport MBU sunglasses: **LYNN BUTTS** Laidig, **BECKY CANNADAY** Merchant, and **SHEARER TROXELL** Luck in Steamboat Springs, Colorado.
9. **RANDI NYMAN** Halsell '65, celebrating her 75th birthday.
10. **CHRISTIAN "ROMEO"** Keller '09 and husband Patrick welcomed baby girl Annemarie Jo Keller on February 9, 2018.
11. **PAULINE DOVE "POLLY"** Lamal '65, displaying her artwork for Charlotte's ArtPop Street Gallery.
12. **NANCY JACKSON** Miller (l) and **JANET HADDRELL** "JAN" Connors, both from the Class of 1965.
13. Pictured at Shrine Mont Conference Center in Orkney Springs last fall are (l-r) **ANGIER "ANGIE"** BROCK '69, **HELEN ATKESON** Phillips '48, The Rev. Dr. Ben H. Smith, a retired Episcopal priest who taught English at MBC from 1960-80, and **CAROLYN "STUFFY"** WEEKLEY '67.



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14. **SANFORD JONES McAllister '80** celebrates her 60th birthday in St. George's UT at Red Mountain resort, pictured are (l-r) sister Louise, friend Marty from Great Falls, friend Joan from CA, McAllister, and friend Devan from MT.



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15. The Class of 1963 gathers at Reunion 2018: (standing l-r) **CAROLYN HALDEMAN Hawkins**, **ANNA KATE REID Hipp**, **SHEARER TROXELL Luck**, **TERRI GEGGIE Fridley**, **LYNN BUTTS Laidig**, **JUDY LIPES Garst**, **BECKY CANNADAY Merchant**, and **JERRI BETH PERCIVAL Palmer**; (seated l-r) **SALLY DUPREE Barnett**, **NELL ROGERS Carvell**, and **SALLY LIVINGSTON Brown**.

16. **MARTHA GRANT Rideout '63** visits the "Hundred Acre Wood."

17. On the beach are members of the Class of 1969 (standing) **MARTHA NANGERONI Stephens**, **JANE MCCANDLESS Echeverri**, **ANNE MCGEORGE Nickerson**, **ALICE HADDRELL Glasgow**, and (seated) **HOLLY THOMPSON Slaney**.

18. Members of the Class of 1965: **JUNE EARLY Fraim**, **MARY LEWIS Hix**, **EMY MARTIN Halpert**, **JUDY PAYNE Grey**, **KAY EARLY Dougherty**, and **JUDY ROY Hoffman**.

19. Class of 1969 friends gather around the dinner table: **CLARE BRISCOE Baum**, **ALICE HADDRELL Glasgow**, **JANE MCCANDLESS Echeverri**, **HOLLY THOMPSON Slaney**, **Phoebe Hamill**, **ANNE MCGEORGE Nickerson**, and **MARTHA NANGERONI Stephens**.

20. *YES I CAN! A Girl and Her Wheelchair* is the newest book by **JACQUIE TONER '76**.

21. **LINDSEY LIEBERMAN '04** and **James Ringer** (Emerson College '05) celebrate their recent marriage at a party with family and friends in Dallas, including (l-r) **LEAH GRISER '15**, Ringer and Lieberman, **KENDRA CLARKE '03**, and **SARAH HATFIELD NICHOLS '04**.



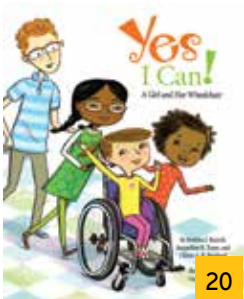
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CHARACTER BUILDING

Alumna Cynthia Kirkland makes magic at Disney, creates geek couture

BY LEIGHTON CARRUTH



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Cynthia Kirkland '12 (middle) takes a bow after winning the Judge's Choice Award at the Her Universe Fashion Show at Comic-Con 2018.

"I wanted the jurors to be wowed by the ambition from the beginning."

"I remember thinking, 'This is it! This is what I've been looking for!'"

Cynthia Kirkland '12 rarely *just* watches a movie. She is always on the lookout for that spark of inspiration, a jumping off point for her next creation. After she decided to grab a co-worker and head to a showing of *The Shape of Water* on the very last day it was in Orlando theaters, she knew that she had it.

"I'd been sketching for months and thinking, and I saw the movie, came home, and knew that I'd hit it at the right time," she says.

Guillermo del Toro's *The Shape of Water* ended up winning four Oscars, and Kirkland walked out of the theater that day with the

nugget of her own award-winning design.

A talented artist and costumer, Kirkland translated the film's love story into an intricately detailed couture gown for the Her Universe Fashion Show at Comic-Con last July. Designers across the nation applied to be in the show, and out of the 24 finalists who presented on stage in San Diego, Kirkland came away with the Judges' Choice Award.

Though thrilled with her win, Kirkland says that the biggest take-away from the experience is sharing a bond with her fellow designers and creators. "Even though it's a competition, this fashion show is relatively low drama. They foster the idea of community, and bringing us

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Behind the Design

Taking The Shape of Water from film to gown for Comic-Con

- *Design challenge had to be completed in 2 months*
- *18 fabrics used overall*
- *5 total model fittings, plus last-minute adjustments with needle and thread backstage*
- *The most challenging part: Each fin had an individual pattern so they conformed to the model's body and still kept their rigid folds*



PHOTO BY MARK EDWARDS



Here's the sketch that got Kirkland to Comic-Con where she was one of 24 finalists from across the nation who competed in the show.



Kirkland (who created her Doctor Strange look) and Thor have a red cape in common.



With Marvel Comics creative leader and legend, the late Stan Lee.

all together around these geeky movies and pop culture that we love. We're all there to have fun."

As one of the winners, she's now collaborating on a fashion collection with Her Universe and retail chain Hot Topic, inspired by Marvel's Avengers 4. Plus she'll get to return to the fashion show as a 2019 judge.

Taking an idea from imagination to reality also happens every day in Kirkland's career. She works in costume creation for Walt Disney World as a garment cutter and quality control specialist. From princesses to Star Wars to the Marvel Universe, Kirkland has a hand in creating the magic behind the kingdom at Disney's parks and cruises, both nationally and internationally. "I'm a middleman, almost like a gatekeeper, because I try to catch any mistakes from the pattern makers and then try not to pass on mistakes to the seamstresses," she explains. "All the designs are coming from a digitized state, and when I get them, they look unrecognizable, like big blocks in a code. I have to lay out the fabric, and figure out how it all goes together."

Kirkland's favorite Disney realm is Marvel, and she enjoys bringing film costumes to life, so guests can high five and strike poses with beloved characters in real time. Disney Parks' Creative Costuming works in close partnership with the studios, which guide the process of bringing iconic pieces to life, such as the cloak worn by Benedict Cumberbatch in *Doctor Strange*.

"The Star Wars fans know their stuff," she laughs. "They are especially into Kylo Ren right now, so we really have to be detailed when providing his experience to the guests ..."

Kirkland has been creating her own costumes since she was a young girl, and she's been a fan of *Lord of the Rings*, comic books, cosplay, and conventions as long as she can remember. But it was another aha moment in a movie theater that made her fall in love

"A strength of MBU is encouraging you to think on that big, global scale."

with Marvel.

At Mary Baldwin, Kirkland studied studio art and Japanese, and she spent a semester abroad in Japan during her senior year. On the other side of the world, she wanted to reconnect with home, so she decided to go see the most American movie playing at the time, *Captain America*. Before that, she could take or leave most superhero movies; they were just too macho.

"With *Captain America*, I thought 'this is great storytelling, this is amazing!' And I was hooked. Since then I have adored the franchise," she remembers. "It's a funny story. I probably wouldn't be as passionate about Marvel and be where I am now, if I hadn't been in the right place, at the right time."

Now she one day hopes to work exclusively on Marvel entertainment projects, and potentially transition to costuming for film and television. Having the freedom to pursue her inspiration, wherever she may find it, is something Kirkland values most about her time on campus as a drawing major and Global Honor Scholar.

"I did a mixed media drawing installation for my Capstone project, and it was really hard to explain and very abstract. But that ability to think outside the box and be very ambitious comes from the encouragement and freedom that I got in the art department. They instilled great self-confidence in me."

Mary Baldwin as a whole helped give her a global perspective that is essential for her work at Disney, which travels across nations and cultures to audiences worldwide. "I always knew that, even if I couldn't see it, I was gaining so many skills in thinking big and going above and beyond during my studies. Now I have to think on a crazy scale; my world and my market is global. Without those skills, I wouldn't be able to translate our designs and think about how they would affect someone else. A strength of MBU is encouraging you to think on that big, global scale."

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