

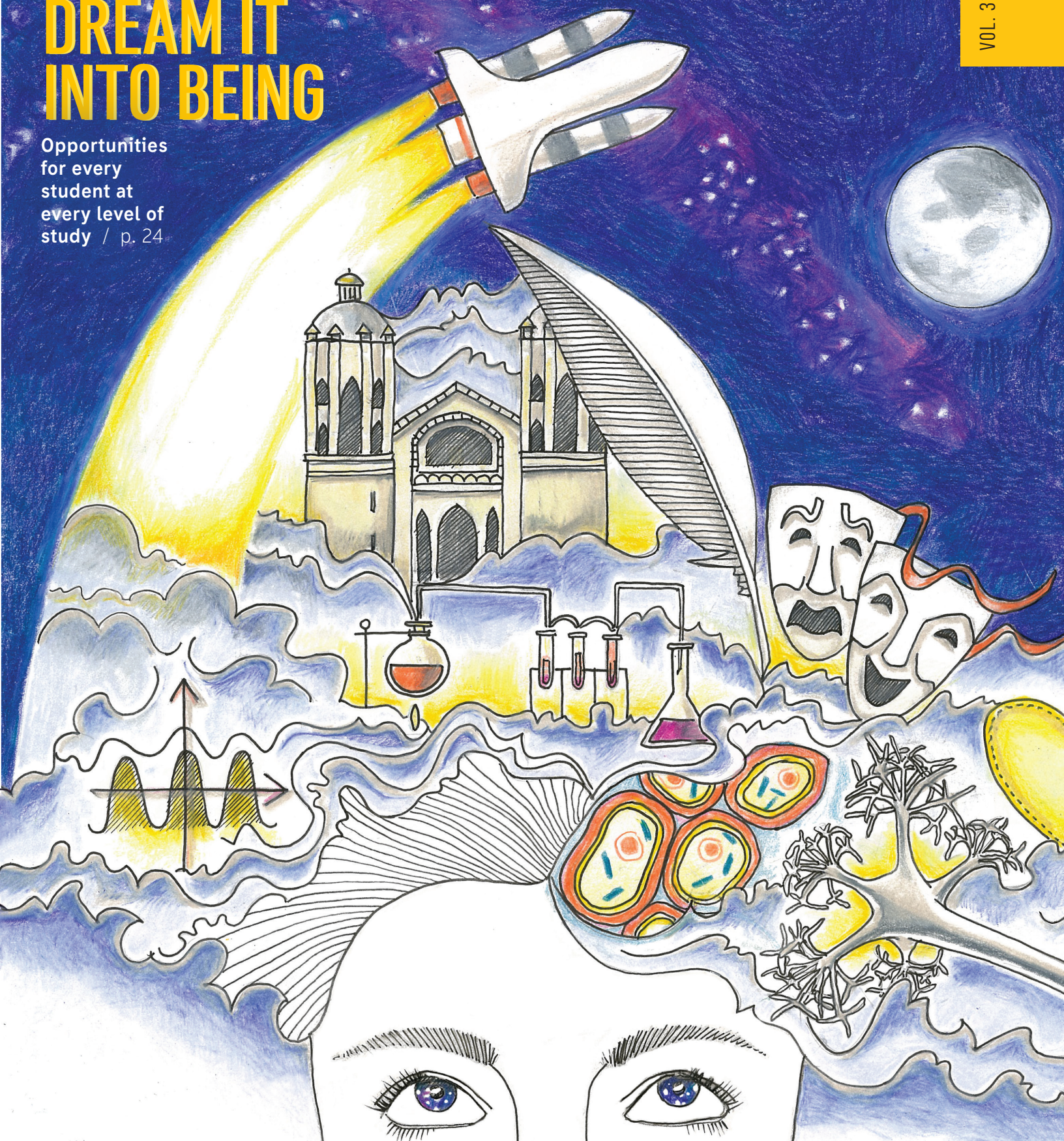
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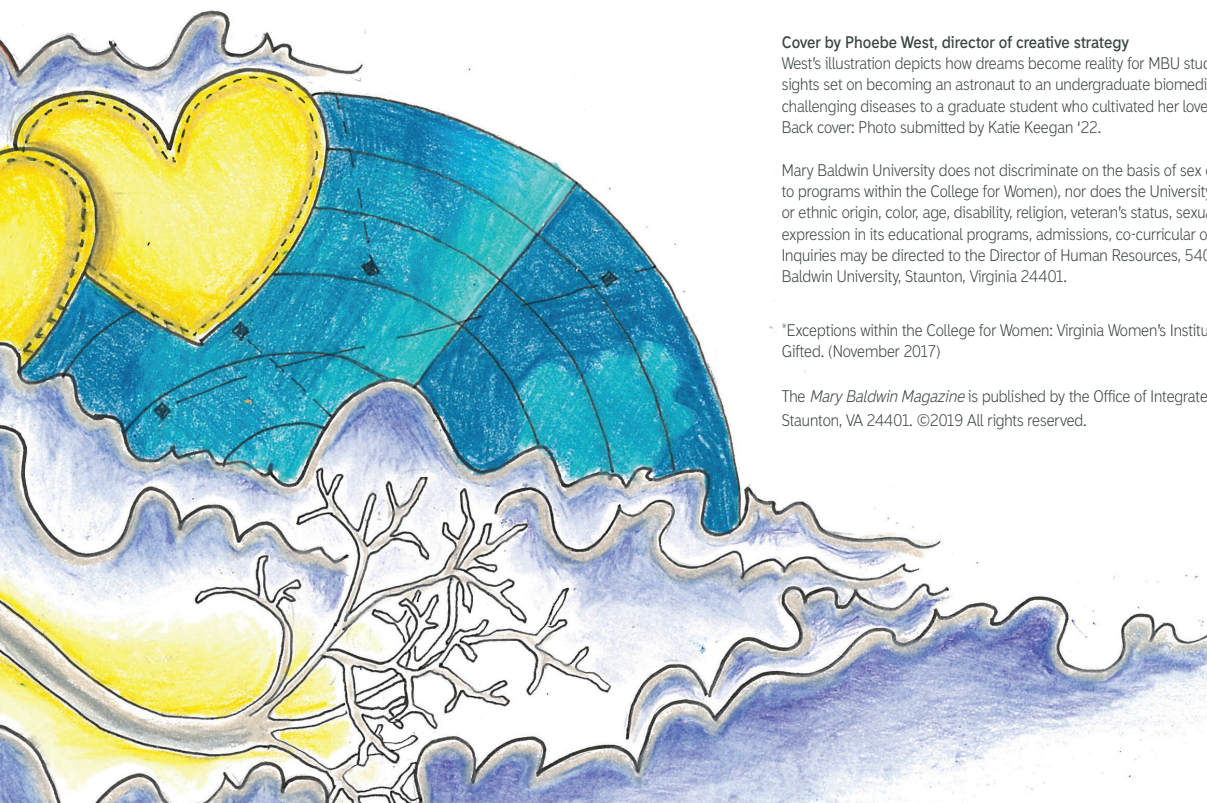
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West's illustration depicts how dreams become reality for MBU students, from a 15-year-old pilot who has her sights set on becoming an astronaut to an undergraduate biomedical researcher ready to take on the world's most challenging diseases to a graduate student who cultivated her love of Shakespeare into a career on the stage. Back cover: Photo submitted by Katie Keegan '22.

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DEFINING MARY BALDWIN'S SUCCESS



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It has been another busy fall on these hills where beauty dwells. For the second year in a row, MBU welcomed its largest class of new students who not only took their first steps into class, but also the first steps into their futures. In what seemed only a moment's time, our quiet summer campus sprung to life with an energy and enthusiasm that showed itself in countless smiles and warm greetings. Young men and women dove into studies more challenging than any they had ever encountered while enjoying all the beauty that comes with living in the Shenandoah Valley. Our athletics programs surged forward in games and matches that brought together both current and former Fighting Squirrels. Truly in this time of unprecedented growth, we have much for which to be thankful.

Yet the Mary Baldwin family has never been one to rest on its laurels. Higher education continues to be an industry of rapid change. Only those institutions that respond with agility and ingenuity will prosper. That is why the Board of Trustees recently approved an update to the university's strategic plan, outlining five key goals grounded in MBU's core commitments: to shape and retain residential enrollment at approximately 1,000 students; to focus, scale, and grow our online and graduate enrollment; to innovate and expand the Murphy Deming College of Health Sciences; to broadly engage and support our alumni; and to garner new investments in MBU's future.

We are especially proud that our alumni stand as the foundation of this plan. Our University Advancement team will continue to be on the road building new connections and strengthening ties with our alumni. We will be launching new initiatives based upon responses to our all-alumni survey.

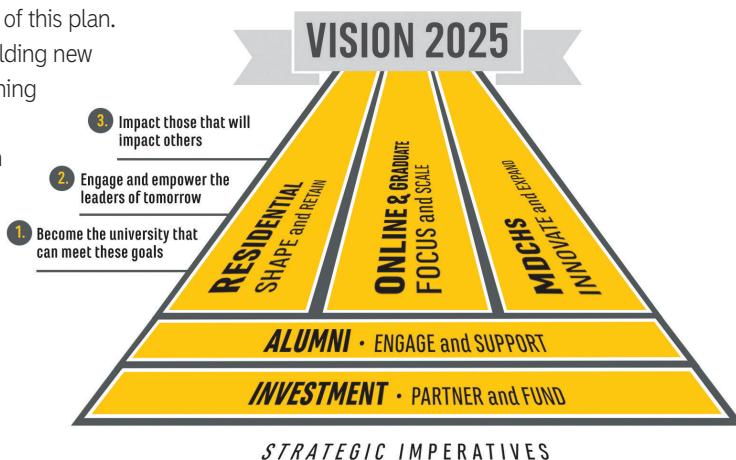
Guiding MBU toward the year 2025, the updated strategic plan will ensure that our university can respond confidently to change while always holding true to what is at its heart. Our pledge remains to empower students and alumni to impact the world by becoming critical creative thinkers, compassionate changemakers, and champions of gender equality and cultural inclusivity.

You will find the fruits of that pledge illustrated throughout this issue of the Mary Baldwin Magazine. Our cover story explores all the ways in which the MBU experience prepares students for lives of purpose with experiential learning opportunities that greet them the moment they arrive on campus. We also profile Professor Amy Tillerson, one of our many faculty members who are at the heart of these vital student experiences, exploring the historic, cultural, and personal importance of her upcoming book.

There are stories devoted to the exciting renovations to Pearce Science Center and the excitement over our growing athletics programs. We catch up with two MBU alumni who are making extraordinary contributions in global health and art. And you will celebrate alongside us our own Aimee Rose, chief strategist and vice president of integrated communications, who was recently recognized on the national stage as the American Marketing Association's Higher Ed Marketer of the Year.

We continue to grow and thrive at an unprecedented rate because of the constant support of Mary Baldwin alumni and the hard work of our faculty and staff. Together we can move confidently into the spring semester primed to meet the needs of our students both today and well into the future.

While many would measure our continued prosperity by our growing student population, our new forward-thinking programs, and our many campus improvements, the following pages prove otherwise. Mary Baldwin University's true success can be defined in eight simple words: we help students turn their dreams into reality.



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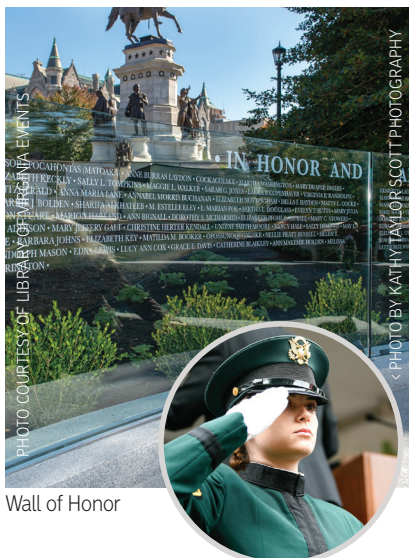
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Newsmakers and events that captured attention



Second Year Running

The university welcomed the largest number of new students in history, marking the second straight year of record-breaking enrollment. At the final census in September, 430 students joined the MBU community for the 2019–20 academic year. A snapshot of new students shows that 65% come from Virginia and 35% from out-of-state, with 28 states represented.



Wall of Honor

Virginia Women Make History

On October 14, the Virginia Women's Institute for Leadership presented the colors at the dedication ceremony for Voices from the Garden: The Virginia Women's Monument, the first in the nation to recognize the full range of women's achievements on the grounds of a state capitol. On the Wall of Honor, university co-founder Mary Julia Baldwin is listed among 230 remarkable women who helped shape the Commonwealth of Virginia over the past 400 years.



Bright Lights on Beverley

Beverley Street, the main artery of Staunton's historic downtown, recently received a major lighting upgrade, thanks in part to MBU's support. Thirty-six street lamps were retrofitted to illuminate sidewalks more evenly, as well as reduce utility costs and light pollution. Better-lit streets mean students can feel safer and more confident traversing nearby districts by night.



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Marketer of the Year

Aimee Rose, MBU chief strategy officer and vice president of integrated communications, received the Higher Ed Marketer of the Year national award from the American Marketing Association (AMA), presented in November at the 2019 AMA Symposium for the Marketing of Higher Education in Las Vegas. After representing global brands at some of the top marketing agencies in the world, Rose brought her expertise and unflagging energy to MBU. Across the board, she re-envisioned how to tell the Mary Baldwin story to prospective students and their families, helping to recruit the largest incoming class in university history, two years in a row.



PHOTO BY BRANDI MILLER

Top Performers

A new department record was set for 2018–19 when 35 student-athletes earned a spot on the USA South Academic All-Conference Team. MBU women's track and field led the way with seven team members making the list. To be eligible for the honor, student-athletes must maintain at least a 3.30 grade point average.

Healthy Habits

The nation-wide Healthier Campus Initiative (HCI), which MBU joined last spring, brings new programs to campus for 2019–20, including outdoor adventure trips, a bicycle sharing program, free water in all dining venues, and opportunities for intramural recreation. Coordinated by the nonprofit Partnership for a Healthier America, HCI helps encourage healthier living among students, which is also linked to improved academic performance.

- ▼ Murphy Deming College of Health Sciences wellness day

Better Living

Before the fall semester began, most residence hall kitchens were upgraded, with renovations to Spencer Residence Hall (where many first-year students live) supported by a generous donation from the Class of 1964. Fun fact: members of '64 helped sign a petition letter back in 1963 to name the new residence hall for then-president Sam Spencer. MBU also received a Capital Project Grant from the Virginia Foundation for Independent Colleges to help fund kitchen improvements. ADP House also underwent significant renovations over the summer to create a refreshed residential space. Crone and Scott houses were also converted to student housing.



New kitchen in ADP House.



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FEELS LIKE HOME

SIGNATURE PROFILE SERIES VOLUME 4:

MBU ONLINE GRAD PUTS
PASSION TO WORK

Some people choose careers based on their talents, while others for the outward gain. Then there are the special few. Guided more by deep desire to help others, they travel along a winding path to right where they belong, like a road leading home. Count MBU Online student Trevor Pauley among those special few.

Raised in Front Royal, Pauley graduated with a BS in public health from James Madison University in 2016. Like many college graduates, he soon found himself struggling with the dual worries of a thinning job market and an uncertain economy. That's when two things came into Pauley's life that would both settle him for the moment and define his path forward. The first was a job offer from the Blue Ridge Area Food Bank. The other was his move to Staunton.

"I never saw myself living in Staunton," Pauley said. "But I fell in love with the culture, as well as the kind and caring people in this part of the Shenandoah Valley."

Small-town life offered Pauley comfort. Work supplied inspiration. His position as partner services coordinator put him at the forefront of the Commodity Supplemental Food Program, a federally funded nutrition project for people over the age of 60 who receive food based on income. Not only did the job allow Pauley the opportunity to put his degree into practice, but it also helped him fill a deeper need — caring for a senior population he had always been drawn to help.

He could have stopped there, with a good job doing good things, and parked the rest of his life where the land was level and the view was pretty. But Pauley kept looking at the road winding on. There was more for him out there, and more he felt he could do.

"Too often, the elderly are placed into homes waiting to die," he said. "I think as a community and nation, we can provide better care for those who have provided for us for so many years. I want to make sure that seniors are able to live in a place that either is their home, or feels like home."

Yet wanting to help and knowing how were two different things, and Pauley soon found that his degree in public health could take him only so far. He decided to return to school for a master's in healthcare administration, a lofty and difficult goal given his responsibilities. Fitting his life into an education wouldn't work. Pauley needed a university that could fit an education into his life, and in a way that proved affordable, convenient, and supportive — the very principles that MBU Online is built upon.

"I researched many other master of healthcare administration programs," he said, "and nowhere provided a highly researched, high-quality, online, and affordable program like Murphy Deming College of Health Sciences. Seeing as Mary Baldwin is local to where I live now, I felt like I could receive a quality education online, but still have access to campus whenever I needed."

Balancing school and life as an adult learner comes with its challenges. Work in every online degree program is demanding at times, and the MHA is no exception. Discipline is key; believing in yourself paramount. Yet Pauley found an ally in a Mary Baldwin community that time and again proved themselves as partners in his own success.

"Every person I have encountered at MBU has been kind, welcoming, and helpful. The MBU experience is unparalleled in terms of making me feel like a member of the MBU community, and not just a number. Every professor I have had has taken the time to make sure we are successful."

As with many MBU Online students, Pauley discovered that taking a first step back to school revealed new possibilities. Late in the spring of 2019, Augusta Health hospital sent an email to all Murphy Deming MHA students outlining an opportunity to work as an administrative resident. He dismissed the opportunity at first, thinking it would be impossible to make such a leap of faith without unsettling the other aspects of his life. But after talking with friends, Pauley realized that taking a leap was exactly what Mary Baldwin had prepared him to do.

"The opportunity would allow me the chance to work directly with the senior administration at Augusta Health," he said, "and give me a lot of necessary experience to advance my career."

Pauley applied. And waited. Then he got the job.

On a Monday morning in July, he walked into the front entrance of Augusta Health for his first day at a growing health system that is focused on the community's well-being. Pauley's responsibilities to that end put him working with Mark LaRosa, vice president of business development and chief strategy officer, on the hospital's many projects to support health in the region.

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"Prior to MBU," he said, "I hadn't had much healthcare experience but had a passion for serving others, specifically seniors. Mary Baldwin University has given me the chance to learn how to do so. I know many people who have received degrees from Murphy Deming, and no one has a bad thing to say about the college or MBU. This, to me, is setting a standard in higher education across not only Virginia, but the country as well. MBU is providing me a new opportunity in life."

A MODERN LOOK FOR A CLASSIC SPACE

Pearce Science Center renovations embrace the MBU ideal of community

Woven like a thread through the Mary Baldwin experience is a promise that every student, regardless of their path to MBU, will receive a life-changing education while surrounded by a thriving and supportive community. This pledge served as the inspiration for the recent multi-million-dollar Pearce Science Center renovation, funded by a generous contribution by the E. Rhodes and Leona B. Carpenter Foundation, and gifts from the Class of '67.

The project lends a contemporary feel to a time-honored building, creating spaces that foster a feeling of community where students can gather and connect regardless of their academic major.

"The primary goal was to enhance the learning spaces starting on the third floor, creating an active learning commons and interactive spaces for students," said Lawrence Schnuck, vice president and senior principal of Kahler Slater Inc. "Space — whether physical or virtual — can have an impact on learning. It brings people together, encouraging exploration and discussion. It's a comfortable, fun, flexible learning space that facilitates dialogue, stimulates the senses, and encourages collaboration. We feel this is a perfect fit for 21st century students."

A global firm hired to conceive the new look for Pearce, Kahler Slater was also the architect behind the award-winning design of MBU's Murphy Deming College of Health Sciences, which opened in 2014.

Schnuck set out to establish a feeling of arrival upon entering Pearce's third floor from main campus. By making use of the wide hallways and stairways already in place, the design created open spaces, seminar rooms, and engaged learning spaces that spark common exploration. Niches built along the hallways provide places for faculty and students to chat beyond the classroom. Informal seating

areas near the labs allow students to connect before and after class, while small project rooms located nearby are for more intense study sessions. In addition, a coffee shop was introduced for students and professors who need a caffeine boost before class.

The new space, named the Carpenter Commons, honors Leona Carpenter '35.

"We intentionally focused our design on flexibility," said Schnuck. "It was important to provide multiple types of learning and study spaces, recognizing that all students have different learning styles."

Adaptability infuses nearly every facet of the renovation. By offering a myriad of different types of spaces, students are able to adjust the environment to their personal needs, whether by creating breakout spaces for communal study or providing quiet places for deep concentration.

The idea also influences the newly-renovated collaborative learning spaces on the second and fourth floors as well. Portable whiteboards, seating that nests or stacks, and free-moving tables allow professors to efficiently set up an array of classroom configurations while also enabling students to make the space their own.

Further enhancements include new flooring and lighting on the second, third, and fourth floors, as well as restroom renovations. New faculty offices were also added to the second floor.

Funding for the fourth floor's newly-appointed classroom 401 was supplied through the generous giving of the Class of '67.

Freshly painted stairwells sport color schemes that reinforce the Mary Baldwin brand, along with large-scale inspirational quotes by history's leading male and female scientists. The chosen colors are an extension of the same branding used for the Murphy Deming College of Health Sciences, and are

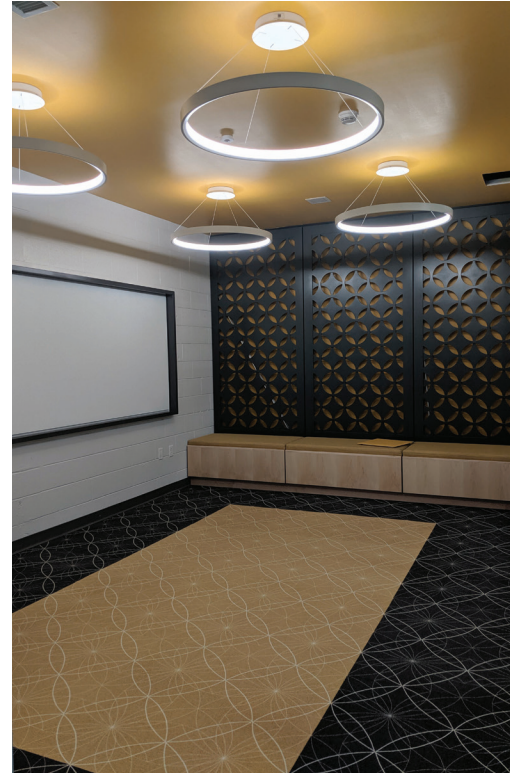


incorporated to further tie the MBU and Murphy Deming campuses together.

"We often say that students 'learn by doing,'" said Paul Deeble, associate professor of biology, "and that is facilitated when those students can collaborate with their colleagues and professors in receptive spaces in the science building."



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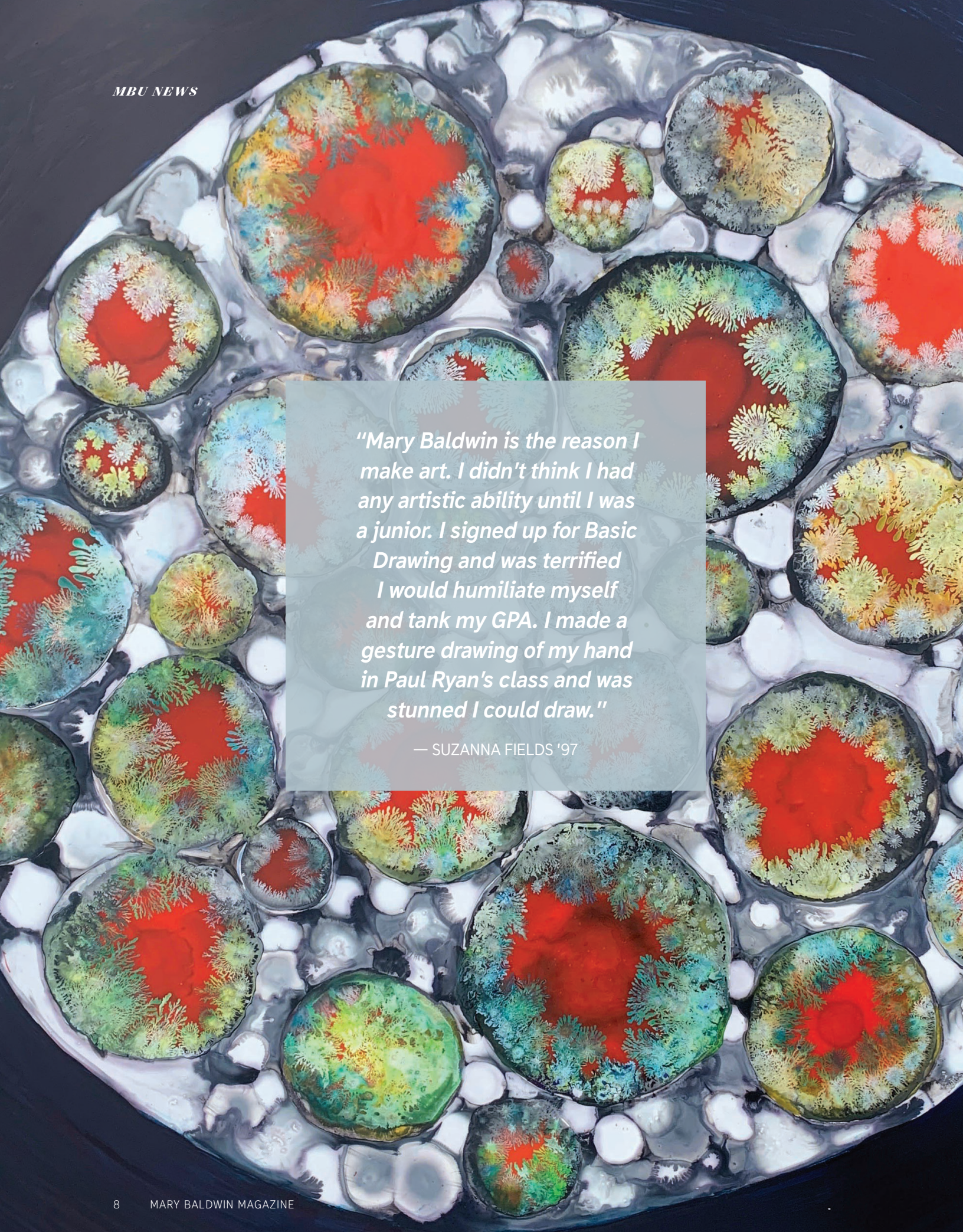
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Pearce Science Center became an active construction site last summer, as MBU continued the building’s multi-million-dollar renovation, funded by a generous contribution from the E. Rhodes and Leona B. Carpenter Foundation, and gifts from the Class of ’67.

Bringing a contemporary feel to Pearce’s third floor, the new Carpenter Commons (named in honor of Leona Carpenter ’35) gives students a place to gather between classes, and also provides options for more focused studying and learning.



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— SUZANNA FIELDS '97



(Opposite) "Red Tide" (working title), 24 x 24 inches, inspired by aerial images of the red tide and tegu lizard scales. (Above) Chosen for a prestigious residency at the Studios of Key West, Suzanna Fields '97 had an artist's cottage and studio as her home base for soaking up the rich culture of America's southernmost island city.

Alumna Artist Earns Prestigious Residency in Key West

Each year, hundreds of creative artists from around the world apply for a residency at the Studios of Key West. Thirty-eight were chosen for the 2018–19 season, and one of them was painter Suzanna Fields '97.

"It was definitely a thrill to be chosen. Being granted a residency when there are only a handful of spaces per year feels like you won the lottery. You don't take it for granted."

During her one-month stay in the artist's cottage and studio, Fields found creative freedom and plenty of inspiration in the rich culture of America's southernmost island city.

"There was loads of time to just paint, work out new ideas, and soak in the natural and cultural anomaly that is the Keys."

Exploring the possibilities of artistic inspiration is something that takes Fields back to her days as a studio art and English major at Mary Baldwin.

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It was an art history class with Associate Professor Emerita of Art History Marlena Hobson during her sophomore year that sparked her interest and led her to take a studio art class.

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That revelation was the beginning of her career as a painter. She decided to pursue a studio art major in addition to her English degree, and received the Ulysse Desportes Award for Outstanding Achievement in Studio Art when she was a senior. After graduation, she built her portfolio for two years before attending graduate school at Virginia

Commonwealth University, where she earned a master of fine arts in painting, summa cum laude, in 2001.

During her Key West residency, Fields took time to explore and refine her inspiration, starting two series of paintings that she then continued at her Richmond-based studio. One series of four paintings conveys lozenge-like forms that relate to coral as well as diatoms or small sea organisms, while the other is inspired by ideas about adaptation and invasion among plant and animal species.

"That is the thing about being immersed in a new place. It is always a bit of surprise what comes to the surface that you didn't expect."

Fields has been recognized with a Bethesda Painting Award, a Liquitex Purchase Prize, and a Virginia Center for the Arts Fellowship, among others, and her work is in private and public collections including the Eleanor Wilson Museum, Capital One, Bill and Pam Royall, Phillip Morris, and Shepard and Amanda Fairey. She has a solo exhibition opening in 2020 at the Quirk Gallery in Richmond.



HYPED

RESURGENT MBU ATHLETICS PROGRAMS BUILD ON LAST YEAR'S SUCCESS

By Billy Coffey





Students (top left) get hyped with Baldwin the Fighting Squirrel; the official mascot of MBU Athletics was introduced this fall. Track and field athletes (bottom left, right) compete in the Bast-Cregger Invite in December 2018 in Salem, kicking off a season that would see women's track and field set 15 new school records.



It wasn't a coincidence created by luck. It was an awakening brought on by sweat. A surging Mary Baldwin athletics program rocked the USA South Athletic Conference in the 2018–19 season by making inroads in several sports, uniting a university, and forcing opponents to take notice. A record-breaking year unlike any in Mary Baldwin's history, the Fighting Squirrels took to the court and the field in four co-ed sports (cross country, track and field, soccer, and tennis) in addition to women's volleyball, softball, and basketball. Most notable were the 35 Mary Baldwin University students who epitomized the student-athlete ideal by being named to the USA South's All-Academic Conference team, breaking the school's former record of 33.

With the introduction of Mary Baldwin University's inaugural baseball team, a second-year men's track program, and both men's and women's soccer joining the USA South varsity ranks, the Fighting Squirrels begin the 2019–20 athletic season with one goal: make success the new normal.

Track and field runs circles around record books

Perhaps nowhere was the MBU athletics record book more impacted than between the lanes.

No less than 15 school track records were set by the women of the Fighting Squirrels track and field team, including six individual and relay records now owned by first-year standout Alice Wardy.

Four Fighting Squirrel student-athletes received USA South Honors for the season, including Wardy for the 400 meters, Quinland Musgrove for the long jump, and both Wardy and Musgrove alongside Morgan Holmes and Mary Moran in the 4x400 relay.

The 2018–19 season also introduced the inaugural men's track and field team to competition. Eight men wore the Mary Baldwin jersey to set the times and distances that became this season's benchmarks. Standouts on the men's side included Maxwell Klimczak, Jerrel Graham, and Gregory Woodard, who was named MBU Male Newcomer of the Year.

"Everyone who comes to MBU for athletics has a true plan or goal," said Woodard. "We know each other inside and out, and it definitely helps during competition time. It's a bond that can't be broken, win or lose that day. The real goal is to win MBU a team conference title. We have a team

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PHOTO BY BRANDON FERN



that can do it, it's just a matter of doing it. Greatness takes time, it comes faster when you enjoy the opportunity we have been given."

Women's basketball builds on a magical season

The long dark months of a Shenandoah Valley winter can take the shine off anything, even college life. That wasn't the case in early 2019, when an MBU women's basketball team — picked in a preseason poll to finish eighth out of the nine teams in their division — took the USA South by storm and ignited the passion of an entire campus.

Fueled by a youth movement that included five sophomores and nine freshmen, the Fighting Squirrels surged to a record of 17-10 for the season. The totals reflected a 15-win turnaround from the previous year, including a school record 10 USA South conference wins. Their season culminated in an electric 114-108 overtime win against N.C. Wesleyan in what was the first USA South Tournament playoff game hosted by Mary Baldwin.

Freshman guard Leah Calhoun was named USA South's Rookie of the Year,

becoming the first Fighting Squirrel in school history to earn a year-end USA South women's basketball award. In addition, head coach Ross James became the first MBU coach to be named USA South Coach of the Year. James was also named Coach of the Year by *D3hoops.com*, becoming the first coach within the USA South to claim the honor since 2011.

"This upcoming season we are returning a young, core group of student-athletes with playoff experience in Leah Calhoun, Brooke Anders, Nicole Mallon, Hannah Varner, and Demet Saygili," said James. "With the addition of the 2019 class, I trust they will propel our team forward with energy, attitude, and effort. Redshirt sophomore Cauty Duboise is poised to make her return to the team after missing all of last year with a season-ending injury. We are all looking forward to her contributing on the court this year. I expect this young, energetic, confident team to play an entertaining style of basketball that all can enjoy. Our philosophy is simple. Do your job, know your role, and find a way to get it done."

The women's basketball team opened their 25-game season on the road at Ferrum

on November 10, and played their first home game of the year against Eastern Mennonite on November 13.

Inaugural baseball team to make an impact inside and outside the lines

For 25 men who arrived at Mary Baldwin in late August, being a student-athlete in a Division III school became a wholly unique experience: for the first time in MBU history, they would don uniforms never worn to play a game worn into the nation's subconscious.

The Fighting Squirrels baseball team will take the field for its first regular season home game at the historic John Moxie Memorial Stadium this coming spring, but their impact is already being felt both on campus and in the greater Staunton community. Head coach Scott Hearn saw the prospect of building a sports program from the ground up as both a challenge and a responsibility. As such, he set about recruiting players who could not only hit and throw, but carry themselves on and off the field in a way that upholds the standards of the university they represent.



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(Top, left to right) USA South 2019 Rookie of the Year Leah Calhoun '22; MBU baseball plays a Gray vs. Gold scrimmage at Staunton's John Moxie Memorial Stadium in their first public appearance this fall; the crowd goes wild after women's basketball nets an overtime win in the first USA South Tournament playoff game hosted by MBU in February 2019. (Bottom) Twin ambassadors Baldwin the Fighting Squirrel, the official mascot of MBU Athletics, and Gladys, who represents alumni and the Mary Baldwin College for Women.

"These players have a unique opportunity to get this program started on the right note," Hearn said, "and they are aware it is going to take a lot of discipline, hard work, and dedication. I feel they are up for the challenge."

The positive culture built around MBU baseball began early on through the players themselves, who began building a sense of unity over the summer. As 12 of the 25 student-athletes Hearn recruited live within an hour of campus, many have spent years playing in the same summer leagues or on the same travel teams. Many work out together. All of them keep in contact via group chats and social media.

Though these are fine ways to build group cohesion for a sport in which team performance outshines individual achievement, Hearn has much more in mind for his players.

"These guys come to college at an impressionable age," he said. "My job is to show them how to live as an adult with this newfound freedom."

Part of those life lessons involves teaching his players to see beyond themselves to the needs of others. Over the summer, Hearn contacted the Staunton offices of Habitat for Humanity in order to engage his student-athletes in community projects that serve the underprivileged. His desire is to cultivate relationships between his players and Staunton-area residents that go beyond uniform numbers and batting averages.

"It is very important to give back to the city that supports us," Hearn said. "The Staunton community will be a large portion of

our fan base, and we want to give the city as much support as they will give us."

The Fighting Squirrels baseball team began their fall-ball workout season on September 17, culminating in a Gray and Gold split-squad game at John Moxie on October 12. They will take the field in the spring of 2020 as a club sport and join the USA South as a varsity team in 2021.

As Mary Baldwin grows, so too its mascots

A leading factor in Mary Baldwin's record-breaking enrollments is its unique commitment to being a student-centered university. It's a place where the voices of its undergraduate and graduate members are heard. A rejuvenated athletics program and a growing number of men's teams have transformed campus into an even more vibrant community. Whether donning a Fighting Squirrels uniform or cheering from the stands, an overwhelming number of MBU students now expresses the desire to make athletics a larger part of their college experience.

That is why hidden among the 420 students who crossed Page Terrace in May to claim their spot in the Class of 2019 was a furried and smiling squirrel ready to take on a new role.

After decades of student events, Gladys the Squirrel has graduated from MBU and will now join the thousands of alumni whose generosity and support continue to fuel Mary Baldwin's success. But Gladys' work is only beginning. She will attend Reunion Weekend



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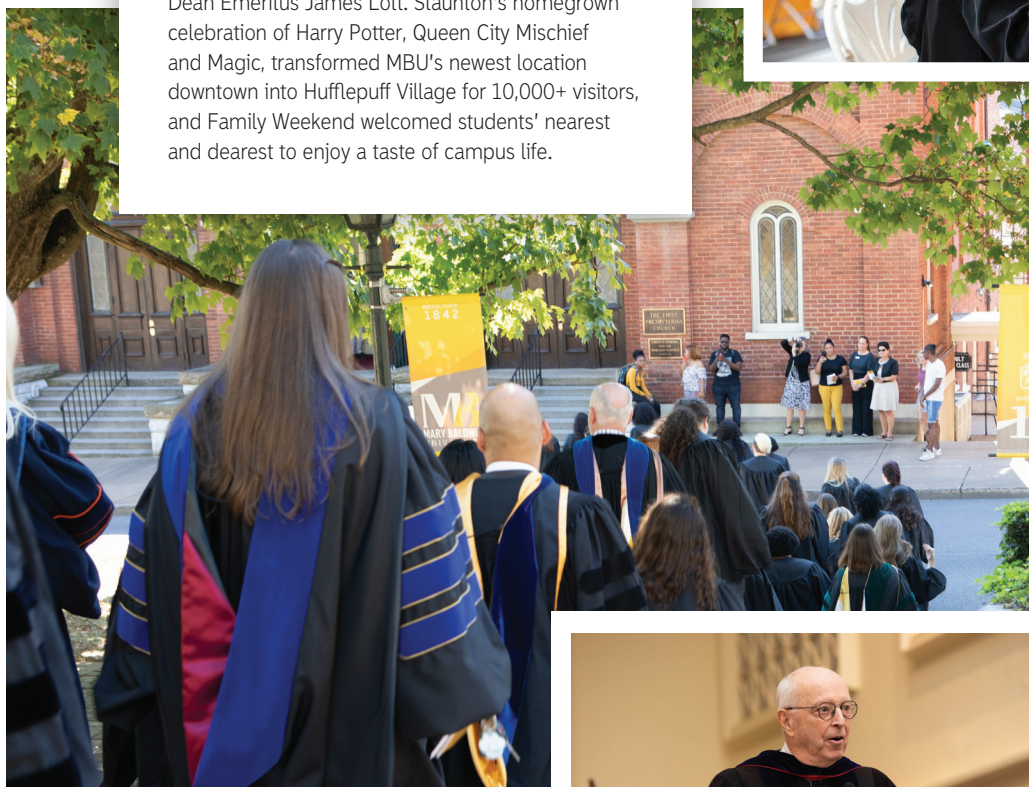
as well as various alumni campus events throughout the year to greet both new and old fellow Squirrels, and will also be appearing for Mary Baldwin College for Women events. In preparation for the demands of her new role, Gladys has received a new, high-quality costume that is an exact replica of the one she's known, courtesy of Maydwell Mascots of Toronto, Canada.

Joining Gladys to make up Mary Baldwin's twin ambassadors will be Baldwin the Squirrel, who debuted at Hoop-La, an event celebrating the start of the 2019-20 women's basketball season. As chief cheerleader for both MBU Athletics and current students, Baldwin will become a fixture at various campus and sporting events.

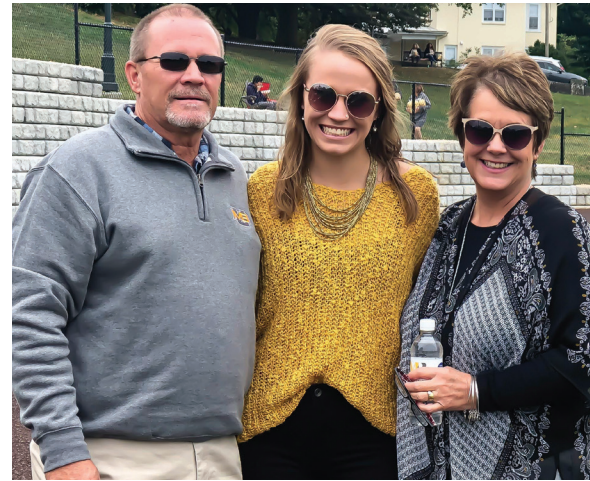


Autumn Glories

Fall in the beautiful Shenandoah Valley has MBU celebrating traditions old and new. Students took to the orchard to glean apples for charity on Apple Day, and enjoyed an apple-themed brunch and carnival back on campus. Founders Day celebrated the founding and re-founding of Mary Baldwin through 177 years of history, as recounted by Dean Emeritus James Lott. Staunton's homegrown celebration of Harry Potter, Queen City Mischief and Magic, transformed MBU's newest location downtown into Hufflepuff Village for 10,000+ visitors, and Family Weekend welcomed students' nearest and dearest to enjoy a taste of campus life.



▶ Read Dean Emeritus James Lott's Founders Day speech at bit.ly/2019foundersday



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From the hills of Mary Baldwin ...

... southwards to Texas

MBU Takes to the Road for Alumni Events

From the hills of Mary Baldwin ... southwards to Texas. Celebratory events this fall brought a piece of MBU to alumni in Houston and Dallas. "An Evening with Mary Baldwin" attendees reconnected with each other over wine and cocktails, and heard updates about the dynamic work of the university over the past year.

"It was a great joy to be with our alumni and friends in both Houston and Dallas recently," said Charles "Chuck" Davis, vice president of university advancement. "In both places, we enjoyed great hospitality and felt a true energy and excitement in the air. It was palpable."

Susan Nolan Palmer '67, chair of the Board of Trustees' Advancement Committee, spearheaded the strategy behind these events and helped the Office of Alumni Engagement craft the initiative to bring engagement opportunities to alumni-dense areas across the nation.

"While the location selections are data-driven, the heart of these events is relationship building," said Amy Davenport, associate director of alumni engagement. "We want to continue re-invigorating and strengthening relationships with our valued alumni. Inspired by Mary Baldwin's alma mater 'to inspire to high endeavor, to uphold that light forever, Mary Baldwin!' — we are excited to bring the energy of the hill right to our alumni in their locality."

President Pamela Fox, together with Davis and Davenport, presented on MBU initiatives including new programs in the Murphy Deming College of Health Sciences; the growth of MBU Online; results of the recent

alumni survey; increased alumni engagement programming; town-gown community connections; and MBU's continuing athletics renaissance.

"I am convinced, now more than ever, that the story of Mary Baldwin will be best told through the voice of her alumni, and we are committed to ensure that it is indeed the case," said Davis.

"An Evening with Mary Baldwin" also came to Atlanta in November, and more events are planned for spring 2020, when MBU representatives will travel to Orlando in January; Baltimore in February; and Washington, D.C., in April.

"We have welcomed a wonderful brushstroke of alumni from a variety of graduating classes and programs to these events," said Davenport.

These events would not have been possible without the support of Mary Baldwin graduates like Paula Stephens Lambert '65, who hosted the Dallas event at her home, and Cynthia Wier '68, who served as an alumna partner in planning and encouraging attendance. Jane Eng '83, president of the board for the Mary Baldwin Alumni Association, also supported events both in North Carolina and Texas by conducting extensive personal call campaigns.

The 2019–20 slate of engagement events was piloted with two evenings in North Carolina last April, with venues in Raleigh and Charlotte generously sponsored by MBU Trustees Peter Gwaltney and Margaret Wren de St. Aubin '81.



DALLAS



HOUSTON



NORTH CAROLINA

New Leadership Announced for Advancement Team



Charles E. "Chuck" Davis III

Charles E. "Chuck" Davis III was named the new vice president of university advancement in July, bringing more than 25 years of experience to MBU in building sustainable advancement programs for higher and secondary education.

"Mary Baldwin is a special place — with a rich history and creative approach to its future," Davis said. "I am thrilled to lead the advancement team. It is a joy to meet our alumni, parents, and friends and together work to advance the university."

For the past six years, Davis has worked in global fundraising, building philanthropy programs most recently as director of strategic development at the International School of Kuala Lumpur in Malaysia and, prior to that, as chief executive officer at the Robert Gordon University Foundation in Aberdeen, Scotland. In each position he helped facilitate the most significant gifts in

the institution's history and built processes and teams for sustained success.

Prior to this international work, Davis served from 2003 to 2012 as the director of the Ever Elon campaign and assistant vice president for university advancement at Elon University. Over his 10-year tenure, he served as the key architect of Elon's largest comprehensive campaign, surpassing the \$100 million goal and garnering a Grand Finalist Award in 2009 for campaign communications and events from the Council for Advancement and Support of Education.

Prior to his work at Elon, Davis served as interim president and director of development for the Medical Foundation of East Carolina University, and director of development at the Graduate School of North Carolina State University (NC State).

Davis is a graduate of Furman University. He and his wife, Flora Hall Davis, have two daughters, one attending Wofford College and another at NC State.



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Your feedback is instrumental to maintaining and strengthening our **#MBUfamily bonds**. We are excited to begin pursuing new alumni engagement initiatives over the coming months. In the meantime, be on the lookout for even more opportunities to let your voice be heard!





The Student Engagement team, including six new full-time members who joined MBU this summer, meets outside their offices in Kable House.

New Faces in Student Engagement

New staff members have come onboard in the Office of Student Engagement as MBU welcomes its largest entering class in history and continues to promote robust student-centered programming to enhance residence life and retention.

Through personalized support and guidance, the Student Engagement team encourages a sense of belonging and community for students, and helps them make their college experience successful.



DARREN JONES *Associate Vice President for Student Engagement*

Darren Jones brings extensive experience to the inaugural position of associate vice president for student engagement at MBU. His previous position was associate dean of students for living, learning, and leadership at Bucknell University, where he supervised a team of 17 staff members and provided

oversight to areas including residential education, housing services, and first-year experience.

He also held successful roles within student engagement at Purdue University, Fairleigh Dickinson University, Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, and Morehouse College, beginning his career as program coordinator for Greek life at George Washington University.

Jones views building relationships with students as a primary goal of his new position. "As a relational leader, I thrive in environments where I am able to cultivate authentic and meaningful relationships," he said.

"At Mary Baldwin, I will be able to use my talents to build synergies across internal and external stakeholders to create a premier experience that challenges students to recognize their skills and talents, and how they can maximize them to achieve their goals."

Jones earned a bachelor's degree in sociology and American studies from the University of Virginia, and a master's in higher education administration from George Washington University. He is currently working toward his doctorate in student affairs leadership from the University of Georgia.



JOY BRITTAIN *Director of First-Year Experience and Student Support*

Joy Brittain joins MBU from California State University, Monterey Bay, where she was the senior director of early outreach and student support, overseeing 14 outreach programs that helped pre-college and college students who were low-income, first-generation, migrant, and/or foster youth to be successful in high

school and then enroll, persist, and graduate from college. Two of her

Through personalized support and guidance, the Student Engagement team encourages a sense of belonging and community for students, and helps them make their college experience successful.

programs achieved the standard of best practices within the university, and one was considered a best-practice program in the country.

As MBU's director of first-year experience and student support, Brittain's responsibilities include planning New Student Days, Orientation, and Family Weekend; enhancing MBU 101, the introductory course to college; and student support, especially when dealing with leave of absences or withdrawals.

"I felt like I was at my undergraduate college when I walked around campus (minus all the steps)," she said. "My college made me feel welcomed while constantly challenging me to think critically in all that I do. MBU has the same philosophy."

Brittain earned a doctor of education in educational leadership and policy studies from California State University, Northridge; a master of divinity in theology with an emphasis in family counseling from The Iliff School of Theology; and a bachelor's degree from Lycoming College.



HEIDI BUSTOS

Residence Hall Director for the Program for the Exceptionally Gifted

Born in Chicago and raised on Mexican soil, Heidi Bustos was awarded the Charles Scholarship, a full-ride merit scholarship, to attend Davidson College where she earned her BA in Latin American studies and anthropology.

While at Davidson, she studied abroad five times on three different continents; served as an assistant teacher for the Hispanic Studies Department; tutored at the Writing Center; and was a member of the Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority.

After graduation, Bustos returned to Chicago to serve as a City Year AmeriCorps member at her alma mater Chicago Academy High School, where she worked with ninth graders who demonstrate extreme need in the classroom. Bustos then worked at Northwestern University with the Center for Talent Development as a residential teaching assistant, supporting academically gifted students from all over the world while they took advanced courses over 15 days.

Bustos is pursuing her master's degree in higher education administration and hopes to be the president of a university one day.

"I'm excited to be living in Staunton and serving the PEG and Mary Baldwin community," she said.



SARAH KOERNER

Office Manager

"Every day I'm interacting with students, parents, faculty, and fellow staff members," said Sarah Koerner. "There's rarely a dull moment, which I like."

Extroverted by nature, Koerner is the friendly face and voice behind the Office of Student Engagement. As office manager, she ensures that visitors and callers get

the assistance they need, and she supports MBU students and her Student Engagement colleagues with resources and materials. She also

assists with planning and implementation for student-centered events throughout the year, from New Student Days to Commencement.

Before coming to MBU, she spent a year as the administrative assistant and housing coordinator for the American Shakespeare Center in Staunton. Prior to that position, she worked for five years as an office administrator for a financial investment firm in Chicago.

"I moved to Staunton at the end of 2017 and quickly fell in love with this town," said Koerner. "I want to contribute to the amazing community here, and MBU is a huge part of that community."



SARAH MARTIN

Director of Residence Life and Housing

As director of residence life and housing, Sarah Martin has oversight of the entire Residence Life and Housing Department, including full-time and student staff; programming and education within the residence halls; and housing assignments, policies, and procedures.

She aims to work collaboratively with other departments to help provide a safe and secure, educational, and inclusive living environment for MBU's residential student population.

"I chose to work at MBU because of the great family vibe that I got when I came to campus," she said. "Everyone was so welcoming, clearly enjoyed working here, and was excited for the new things to come."

Martin comes to Mary Baldwin from Marymount University, where she served as area coordinator and an interim assistant director. She earned her master's degree in student affairs in higher education from Indiana University of Pennsylvania, and her bachelor of science in kinesiology — exercise science from Shenandoah University.



OMARI MILLER

Assistant Director of Residence Life and Housing

Omari Miller's top responsibilities as assistant director of residence life and housing include overseeing resident advisor programming, assessing student outcomes within the residence halls, and advising MBU's Residence Hall Association.

"I chose to apply to MBU because I was excited about the idea of being part of developing something new, and having the opportunity to revamp the way we interact with students," he said.

Miller's previous position was residence hall director at the State University of New York (SUNY) at Delhi, where he oversaw the largest hall on campus, housing around 500 students. He also served as advisor to the step team and Black Student Union; coordinator for the LGBT Living Learning Community; and co-chair for the inaugural Staff of Color Association.

He earned his master of social work from the University of South Carolina and his bachelor's degree from SUNY Delhi.

IN MEMORY

Ava C. Spencer, who passed away on August 20, helped foster civic leadership and global perspectives at Mary Baldwin, together with her husband, the late President Samuel R. Spencer Jr. Named in their honor, the Spencer Center for Civic and Global Engagement is the campus hub for volunteerism, study abroad, and cultural events, including a recent conversation with former U.S. poet laureate Juan Felipe Herrera (bottom right).



HONORING THE LIFE OF AVA C. SPENCER

Remarkable partnership expanded, enhanced Mary Baldwin during the '50s and '60s

Mary Baldwin University celebrates the life of Ava C. Spencer, wife and devoted 65-year partner of the late Samuel R. Spencer Jr., Mary Baldwin's fifth president. Ava Spencer passed away on August 20 at 94 years old.

The couple's names are well-known to the current MBU community primarily because of the Samuel and Ava Spencer Center for Civic and Global Engagement, the hub for service learning and study abroad at the heart of campus. But their long and dedicated relationship with Mary Baldwin started many years prior.

Samuel and Ava Spencer joined the Mary Baldwin community in 1957, when he was appointed president at the young age of 38. They came to campus as a vibrant, outgoing family with three young children (a fourth would be born in Staunton), and became great favorites among students and the broader community.

Together with her husband, Ava Spencer had extensive experience in higher education — she earned a master's degree in political science from the University of Pennsylvania and was the first woman to teach at the Wharton School. She was an excellent manager, a gracious hostess, and an international traveler. They both also had close ties to the Presbyterian Church.

During his tenure as president, Samuel

Spencer helped create the Mary Baldwin campus of today, overseeing the addition of two residence halls, Hunt Dining Hall, Pearce Science Center, and Grafton Library. The size of campus nearly tripled by 1970.

Both he and Ava Spencer promoted civic responsibility, supported the development of study abroad programs, and encouraged the campus to adopt a more global perspective. During summer vacations, they regularly led college students on tours of Europe, taking along their own children to experience different cultures.

They were therefore fitting namesakes for the Spencer Center, which opened in 2007 and has provided countless opportunities for students to extend their academic studies through experiences in local and global communities. Mary Baldwin purposefully wanted to recognize Ava Spencer's role in a partnership that had brought much prestige and growth to the institution.

President Pamela Fox shared that "knowing both Sam and Ava very well was one of my greatest honors. We were fortunate to host them numerous times on the Mary Baldwin campus, with a true highlight being the dedication of our center named for both of them. After Dr. Spencer's death, I remained in touch with Ava, sharing all of the ongoing points of pride from the

Spencer Center and Mary Baldwin. I admired Ava as a radiating inspiration and a woman of such inner strength and grace."

After the Spencers' time at Mary Baldwin, they made their home in Davidson, N.C., where Samuel served as president of his alma mater Davidson College for 15 years. They maintained close ties to Mary Baldwin throughout their lives, with Samuel Spencer serving on the MBU Board of Trustees from 1996 to 2007.

One of seven children, Ava Spencer was born on February 25, 1925, in Grundy to Frank E. Clark, a Presbyterian minister, and Ava Clark, a teacher. A remarkable student, she graduated from high school at age 15 and completed her undergraduate degree at Mary Washington College and her graduate degree at the University of Pennsylvania.

During her one-year visiting fellowship at Harvard University, she met Samuel Spencer, a World War II veteran who had earned his doctorate at Harvard. They were married on August 28, 1948, in Abingdon, and spent the next 65 years together until his death on October 16, 2013.

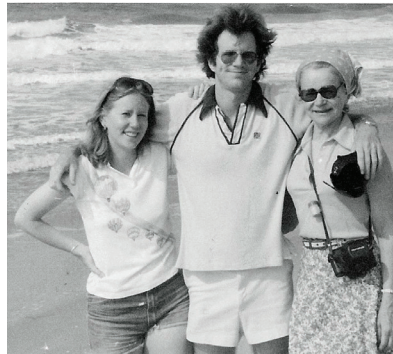
Survived by four children, nine grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren, she continued living with determined independence and unquenchable spirit until her own passing.



Walsh (far right) coached the fencing team



With friend and colleague Betty Kegley



With children Robyn and Kevin in 1981



Walsh served as dance professor for 28 years



From the 1978 *Bluestocking*

CELEBRATING GWEN WALSH, FORMER PROFESSOR, DEVOTEE OF THE ARTS

New scholarship fund established in her memory

Mary Baldwin celebrates the life of longtime faculty member Gwen Walsh, who passed away on May 4 in Phoenixville, Pennsylvania, at the age of 94. She started teaching in 1962 and served as a professor of dance and physical education and fencing instructor until her retirement in 1990.

"Her No. 1 priority was her students and ensuring that they learned something of value to them," said her son, Kevin Walsh. "I can still name students who have been lifelong friends with Mom, and stopped in to visit her long after graduating."

Gwen Walsh's longtime colleague and friend Betty Kegley, professor emerita of physical and health education, remembered her embodying the qualities of friendliness, frankness, originality, and patience. They shared a double desk in the King building, and, as Kegley put it, "looked at each other for about 30 years."

"We were very fortunate when Gwen joined us because she was a wonderful person and teacher," said Kegley. "She had boundless energy; when the rest of us collapsed, she was still going!"

As one example of her dynamic nature, Gwen Walsh continued to coach the fencing team into her 70s, even after she retired. She had revived the entire program at Mary Baldwin early in her career.

Kegley remembers phone conversations with Gwen Walsh at her rest home before she passed away. "Even though Gwen was suffering from memory loss, she always recognized my voice, and all she wanted to talk about was Mary Baldwin," said Kegley. "Isn't it wonderful that that's what she remembered?"

Gwen Walsh was particularly passionate about modern dance, but she also pursued interests in choreographing and costuming local theater productions, photography, painting, and puppetry. She earned a bachelor of science in education from the Bouvè-Boston School, part of Tufts University, and a master of education from the University of Virginia.

It was their mother's lifelong devotion to both the arts and to Mary Baldwin students that inspired her children to create a scholarship fund in her memory, the Gwen Walsh Memorial Scholarship for the Arts Fund.

"When Mom turned 90, we had a big party for her," said daughter Robyn McNeil. "At the time, I asked her what she thought of us establishing a scholarship in her honor. She liked the idea. When I asked her what the scholarship should be, she said she would like it to go to a local student who wished to study the arts."

The Gwen Walsh scholarship will help fund the education of undergraduate or graduate arts students from the local community, and it may be applied to tuition, fees, academic materials and equipment, or global travel and study abroad. It can also be renewed for up to three additional years.

Thinking of future scholarship recipients, Kevin Walsh hopes that it will enable young people to pursue their dreams even if they aren't considered entirely practical.

"The scholarship is our way to contribute a little something toward letting someone follow their dreams," he said.

Memorial donations to the scholarship fund at MBU may be made at marybaldwin.edu/give (specify the Gwen Walsh Memorial Scholarship for the Arts).

New Service Award Honors the Late Lonnie Wallace, Utility Supervisor

During the annual faculty and staff appreciation breakfast last May, Director of Dining Services Tracy Hiner came to the lectern to present a new award, the Lonnie Wallace Associate of the Year Service Award, recognizing a Mary Baldwin staff member who goes above and beyond his or her job description.

It was inspired by the memory of Lonnie Wallace, former utility supervisor for dining services, who passed away unexpectedly on March 30 at the age of 62.

"Lonnie taught us not with words but through his actions how to be a better person," Hiner said during his presentation.

Wallace maintained an exemplary record during his 24 years of service at MBU, never missing a day of work. Because of his experience and strong work ethic, he was known to be a role model for his co-workers.

"What Lonnie achieved in a day and the quality of his work was accomplishment

enough," said Hiner, who was Wallace's supervisor. "But what made him most special to our team was the way in which he lived every day of his life ... to serve others, to laugh, love, and tolerate, and always with a Lonnie smile."

Wallace was the first to arrive at Hunt Dining Hall every morning, turning on equipment and setting up for breakfast. He was in charge of receiving and storing all the food and beverages, managing the utility associates, ordering milk, and often catering as necessary.

In his personal life, Wallace loved college basketball, spending time with family, traveling, and animals, especially his cat, Tom Tom.

The service award named for Wallace will be presented annually, and for 2018–19 it went to Shelly Irvine, director of human resources, who Hiner noted, "does her work with care, compassion, and with accuracy, much like Lonnie."



Remembering Sue Ann Marion, Longtime Instructor of Art and Education

Sue Marion spent 28 of her 48 years as an educator at Mary Baldwin where she was known as an exceptional teacher and a mentor with a heart of gold. She passed away on September 20 at the age of 78.

In 1983, she began her career as an instructor of art and education and taught until her retirement in 2011. She served as an advisor to generations of Mary Baldwin students seeking teacher licensure, preparing them from the ground up with insights and tips about the art classroom. She also traveled across the state to to Mary Baldwin's different regional centers to conduct classes for adult students.

Marion encouraged her students to use art to unlock doors to other subject areas,

such as using Georgia O'Keeffe paintings to teach botany and understanding the mathematical nature of M.C. Escher.

She also was very involved in the community, serving as an artist-in-residence in Staunton and Augusta County schools, holding workshops for local art teachers, and working with gifted and talented students, as well as those diagnosed with Autism Spectrum Disorders.

Marion was first and foremost a loving mother to six children and grandmother to 15 grandchildren. She earned her BA in education from Radford University and then taught for 20 years in public school systems in Georgia and Virginia. While she worked at Mary Baldwin, she also earned her MS in art from Radford.



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DREAM IT INTO BEING

On the stage, in the lab, and in the cockpit, experiential learning transforms vision into reality for MBU students

By Leighton Carruth

There was something about the way he spoke. Eloquent, grounded, focused.

"Maybe on paper the words weren't saying anything all that interesting, but when he spoke those words, they became so compelling," recalled Alex Stroud MLitt '19.

When Stroud was young, she was drawn to Captain Jean-Luc Picard on *Star Trek: The Next Generation*. Not so much because of rollicking space-travel adventures or how the show imagined the future. Her fascination was instead on actors like Sir Patrick Stewart, and how they brought stories — that could, let's be honest, verge on the outlandish — to life in a way that was honest and spoke to a shared humanity.

We all can remember these ah-hah moments from our youth; when you come to realize that what you love is recognized by others, that it even has a proper name. For

Stroud, one such moment came when she identified the magic behind Stewart's ability. And it's name was Shakespeare.

Another such moment came to Sarah Johnson OTD '19 when she was in eighth grade, and her school asked students to participate in community service every week.

Johnson chose to help a family with triplets, one of whom had cerebral palsy. She worked with the little boy on everyday kid stuff: feeding, coloring, playing, and toileting. It gave her a huge sense of satisfaction to get to know this family and meet the boy where he was on a given day. Over time, she saw how she could help him grow into new skills.

Then she had the opportunity to accompany him to an occupational therapy session, and everything clicked into place.

"I realized that the work I had been doing all the time was very similar to the skills of occupational therapy," said Johnson. "And I fell

in love with it."

Falling in love in middle school happens to a lot of people. But for Stroud and Johnson, it lasted. All the way through many more years of study, exams, lives touched, and texts parsed. More later on their journey toward doing what they love.

Walking the long road toward a dream takes many steps. Mary Baldwin University strives to make those steps as meaningful and unique as possible, so students like Johnson and Stroud can connect to experiences that are specifically tailored to their desired outcome. How? Professors get to know students and what drives them. Academic studies are grounded in career preparation and community relevance. Opportunities like internships and research are accessible to students across all levels of the university. And students are supported in a way that feels like family; as Stroud put it, "MBU is a university that wants students to be themselves."



Alex Stroud MLitt '19

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– Sarah Johnson OTD '19



Sarah Johnson OTD '19



Parker Moore '22



"I'm extremely happy to be doing something that I'm passionate about while getting a headstart on my goals."

—Katie Keegan '22

An MBU education helps students find purpose, and then put it into action. Unique classes and personalized projects in college bring them ever closer to achieving their goals in the wide world.

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Starting the Dream *Opportunities from day one*

Almost exactly a year after Katie Keegan '22 was accepted into the Program for the Exceptionally Gifted (PEG), she found herself taking a special lesson at MBU. Or, to be more precise, *above* MBU.

"The most special moment of my flying lessons so far was during my first lesson in Virginia when I got to fly over the MBU campus," she said. "I even got to see the PEG dorm from the plane."

At a time when most 15-year-olds are just getting their learner's permit, Keegan — hailing from Mt. Olive, New Jersey — has her sights set on becoming a pilot.

"My dream is to be an astronaut, so I've

been interested in flying for a few years," said Keegan, who is an applied math major and, in addition to being in PEG, a cadet in the Virginia Women's Institute for Leadership.

With traveling past the Earth's atmosphere as her ultimate goal, Keegan plans to attend graduate school in aerospace engineering and then join the Air Force or become a NASA flight director.

She began flight training in middle school back home in New Jersey, but the sessions were very expensive. She wasn't sure if she could continue once she started attending MBU.

During her first semester, Keegan got some good news. She was chosen to receive one of 25 annual Experiential Learning Grants (ELG) through the Mary Baldwin College for Women, funded through the generosity of donor Angela Corley '67. Applying those funds toward her flying lessons through Blue Ridge Community College and the Shenandoah Valley Regional Airport, she's working toward her first solo flight by 16 and earning her private pilot's license at 17.

"Getting the Experiential Learning Grant significantly cut down the costs of lessons for me," Keegan said. "I'm extremely happy to be doing something that I'm passionate about while getting a headstart on my goals."

Students making headway toward

their goals during their first year — that immediate access is a unique differentiator and point of pride for MBU. Unlike at larger schools, students don't have to wait until they're upperclassmen or graduate students to work one-on-one with professors, engage in research, or participate in experiential learning.

After his freshman year at MBU ended last spring, Parker Moore '22 stayed on campus for the summer to take a biology research intensive, called the Course-Based Undergraduate Research Experience, or CURE.

Assistant Professor of Biology Melissa Scheiber designed the course to be nothing like traditional science labs. With her as a resource and guide, CURE students decided on a topic to investigate within cancer biology and worked together to develop and answer a research question.

"In biology, you have to be able to think outside the box independently, but also coherently as a group," said Moore, who plans to triple major in biology, chemistry, and math. "Normal labs say 'start here' and 'end here.' With this lab, we decided how it was going to start and where it was going to go. I got a good idea of what research looked like in the grand scheme of things."

Four of the five students in CURE were rising sophomores. They built skills in collaboration within a lab setting, and learned how different ways of thinking can bring value to projects. After the course wrapped up, Moore continued his summer research independently with Scheiber, who he now considers an "exceptional" mentor. His experiences have helped him decide to pursue both medicine and research long-term in an MD/PhD program.

"Overall I think my experience at MBU is tailored to me," Moore said. "Because of that, I can understand who I am as a person, how I study and how I learn best, and where I want to go with my life. And what I need to do to be legitimately happy with my life."

Refining the Dream *Learning by experiencing*

Even though she's from Bladensburg, Maryland, Guadalupe Reyes '20 was generally familiar with her study abroad destination when she set out for Oaxaca, Mexico, during MBU's May Term. She has family members who live in Mexico, and she understands much about the country's culture and beliefs.

But it was different actually being there.

She and her classmates studied Spanish with local teachers from the Instituto Cultural Oaxaca and explored the region's culture and history — taking salsa lessons, visiting the Mitla archeological ruins, and cooking Oaxacan-style tamales. By being immersed in this place, Reyes saw both differences and similarities between people who live thousands of miles apart. She also learned not to rely too heavily on preconceived notions.

"Thanks to my experience, in the future I will ensure I better educate myself on the present status of a society and not rely heavily on my past experiences," she said. "Applying my knowledge to real-world experiences has proved to be significantly useful for me."

Understanding social complexity will be an asset to Reyes, a senior majoring in healthcare administration, since she aspires to work for the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention or attend graduate school abroad to study different healthcare systems.

Building a bridge between college and the wider world is an important aspect of experiential learning opportunities like study abroad. Through these high-impact learning practices, students gain confidence and a better understanding of their interests leading up to the workplace. Employers also recognize the value of these experiences when hiring new team members, especially in an increasingly global marketplace.

"High-impact practices represent, in one sense, the act of putting a name to what small, student-centered institutions like Mary Baldwin have offered students for generations," said

Provost Ty Buckman. "The difference now is that we are more purposeful about making these learning experiences available to many more of our students, not just those who come from families with extra resources, and assessing and improving the impact on their learning and development."

MBU strives to make opportunities accessible, and help inform students about what is available and navigate the process. Reyes, a first-generation college student on both sides of her family, received a Spencer Center for Civic and Global Engagement Endowed Fund scholarship that supported her studies in Oaxaca.

"This particular scholarship greatly aided me in realizing my goal of studying abroad," she said. "Without that extra monetary help, I do not think it would have been possible for me to have gone on this May Term trip."

Another difference-maker for students is participating in internships during their college career. Nearly 91% of employers want their candidates to have work experience, and more than half prefer that it comes from an internship or co-op (*source: National Association of Colleges and Employers Job Outlook 2017 survey*).

Recognizing the importance of providing workplace experiences to students, MBU's Vantage Point: Office of Personal and Professional Development launched an initiative to secure more opportunities, primarily in the local area, over the past year. More than 100 new internships are now available to students, even as early as their freshman year.

"We started with community connections that would provide exciting opportunities for our students, and also tapped into the knowledge and networks of our local alumni and community partners," said Lindsey Walsh, associate director of the Vantage Point, who led the effort last year.

When it comes to students, Walsh and her fellow MBU academic and career advisors focus on fit, matching personal goals to specific opportunities. The Vantage Point has also set up student access to the Handshake program, which offers a robust catalog of internship opportunities that are vetted through the office, but available for students to research 24/7.

"We are focused on that personal touch, but also broader accessibility when students need it," said Walsh. "The goal is to really understand what the individual wants to get from the experience and then recommend the best learning opportunity."

For biochemistry major Katherine Bernal Vigil '20, just such an opportunity opened up last summer when she was offered a 13-week paid summer internship at Pfizer/GlaxoSmithKline in Richmond, sponsored by Kamala Payne Chapman '05, who is a scientist in product design and development.

"I first met Katherine as part of a career day I established here at Pfizer (now GlaxoSmithKline). I felt that it was a wonderful way to connect undergraduate women in science to careers in pharmaceutical fields," said Chapman. "When I interviewed Katherine for the internship, she was a perfect fit. Her



Katherine Bernal Vigil '20



Jessica Hall '20 (bottom right)



Guadalupe Reyes '20

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experience as an undergraduate biochemistry major at MBU was similar to mine, and her involvement with the Virginia Women's Institute for Leadership made her a natural leader."

As part of the Wellness Innovation team, Vigil helped with the process of making Centrum gummies, working with folic acid and developing prototypes. It was a time-consuming process that demanded an eye for detail. Through the project, she was able to hone skills in problem solving, flexibility, and time management that will help her pursue becoming a pediatric surgeon.

"It was very inspirational to connect with an alum and to see someone who started where I started make it down a successful path," said Vigil of her experience working with Chapman. "It gave me an abundance of inspiration and motivation."

Jessica Hall, a senior majoring in marketing and communication, also received a paid internship opportunity over the summer with Dominion Energy in Richmond. She directly applied her major to an office environment, taking on projects including a sweepstakes campaign, direct mail postcard campaign, and creating a guide for future interns.

"This internship taught me how to use different communication programs that will be beneficial to any company that I choose to work for," Hall said.

Like Vigil, she was able to connect with a Mary Baldwin alumna, Alison Kaufmann '07, who was a fellow marketing and communication major and now serves as

communications manager for the Strategic Underground Program at Dominion.

"Meeting Alison Kaufman was truly an amazing experience," said Hall, originally from Grovetown, Georgia. "I felt inspired by her work ethic and her overall supportive nature, encouraging people to continue to develop themselves and give back to the community."

Sharing the Dream

Lives of purpose impact others

The Staunton Augusta Family YMCA is home to a unique neurowellness program, one of only a few in the country. Through four-week sessions of classes offered year-round, stroke survivors and those with Parkinson's disease and other neurological conditions have access to physical therapists and personal trainers who help them actively improve their conditions with cardiovascular activity, stretching, and function- and strength-building.

In addition to assisting community members in need, the program gives doctoral students in physical therapy (PT) at MBU's Murphy Deming College of Health Sciences the chance to navigate the aftermath of brain and spinal cord injuries, and provide therapy to clients first-hand. Another beneficial aspect of the town-gown partnership is that the YMCA can admit more people into the neurowellness program because there are more helping hands to go around.

The program is the brainchild of community member and licensed physical therapist Lee Baker, who returned to America

after many years of living and working in Nepal, only to notice a major change in the medical system. The amount of time that insurance covered for rehabilitation after strokes or major neurological events had drastically decreased. So, he worked with the YMCA to set up these therapy sessions so that patients could continue their recovery after formal PT had ended.

"This program has ignited an excitement for an area of PT that students don't usually come in wanting to do because they've never experienced physical therapy for people with neurologic conditions," said Deb Diaz, associate professor of physical therapy, who specializes in neurology and worked with Baker to bring health sciences students to the YMCA's program. "The brain is complicated and hard to learn, but students are finding that this is a way that they can really make a difference in someone's life."

This fall, Diaz has more formally incorporated the neurowellness program into her PT class, so students will assist with clients consistently over several four-week sessions. They will also broadly consider how to best develop neurowellness programs between medical practitioners, therapy providers, and community organizations, even when faced with a modest budget and limited resources.


"Going to the neurowellness program each week allows me to see how the participants are progressing and gives me more hands-on experience working with individuals with neurological disorders outside of clinic," said Meagan Pritchard DPT '21, who is pursuing her interest in the neurological part of PT.



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— Deb Diaz, associate professor of physical therapy



"Getting to see them progress, hearing how they feel about how they're doing, and getting to take part in their recovery really makes me keep wanting to go back."

Through this type of service-learning, MBU students not only gain practical skills like problem-solving and collaboration that will benefit their careers, but they also absorb the importance and reciprocal joy of helping those in need. When they take that knowledge into the world as part of their degree, it can only be to the benefit of whatever community they choose to call home.

Launching the Dream

MBU experiences bear fruit

Let's reconnect to Shakespeare fan Alex Stroud MLitt '19 and occupational-therapy enthusiast Sarah Johnson DOT '19, those young people with big dreams of translating what they love into a career. Both are now recent alumni of Mary Baldwin who earned graduate degrees in May 2019. How did their time progress at the university?

During her second year of the master of letters program in Shakespeare and Performance (S&P), Stroud was working on her thesis connecting Shakespeare to jazz when she learned that Paul Menzer, dean of the College of Visual and Performing Arts, and Matt Davies, S&P professor, had put her name forward to become an actor intern at the American Shakespeare Center (ASC) in Staunton.

Access to the ASC and its home in the Blackfriars Playhouse (the world's only re-creation of Shakespeare's indoor theater) is a hallmark of the S&P program. It almost becomes a second home for students as they watch as many Early Modern plays as possible, and put on student-led productions on the universally lit stage.

"The biggest thing that the program did for us students was allowing us carte blanche access to the playhouse," said Stroud. "I would see the same performances over and over, and see the actors night after night, how focused they were. And with the lights on at the Blackfriars, you can be present the whole time."

Being asked to be part of the professional troupe represented the next level for Stroud. She would become a working Shakespearean actor. She started off being in one show during the 2019 winter season, so she could finish her thesis.

With ASC renewing her contract for the summer and fall seasons, Stroud is fully in

repertoire with three shows — Shakespeare's *Antony and Cleopatra* and *Julius Caesar*, as well as *Caesar and Cleopatra* by George Bernard Shaw — through the end of November.

"It's exhausting, but I love it," said Stroud. "If I had to endure this physical and mental rigor in any other field, I would run away, but I really do love acting."

Realizing that most actors need, as she put it, a "side hustle" and that there might come a time when she needs more flexibility than stage-life offers, Stroud is considering entering an MFA program in the near future to study voice and speech training.

"As a young person who didn't have a theatrical family, it was a challenge trying to figure out how to get involved in this world on my own," said Stroud. "So I wanted a program where I would be supported, that was not a competitive rat race, and where I could collaborate with people who nerd out on Shakespeare as much as I do. MBU was that place for me."

Like Stroud, Johnson — who earned her doctorate in occupational therapy and started a job as a pediatric occupational therapist this summer at a practice in Zions Crossroads — created a bridge from her studies to her career during her last semester at MBU.

Her transitional experience came in the form of a doctoral project, which all physical and occupational therapy students complete on the ground in a healthcare setting before graduation. It connects all the threads of classroom studies, clinical shadowing, and evidence-based care that Murphy Deming students have taken in over three years.

For Johnson, her project also provided unforgettable moments of connection between some of the most vulnerable patients and their caretakers. Called "Helping Heart," it occurred in the neonatal intensive care unit (NICU) at Cone Health Alamance Regional Medical Center in North Carolina.

In her placement at the NICU, Johnson witnessed parents' distress over not being able to be with their child 24/7 and having to leave most of the baby's caretaking to medical professionals.

"They thought they were going to take their child home, and it turned out to be a very different experience than they expected," she said.

And the NICU can be hard on infants, too. Research shows that babies who are exposed to their mother's scent have decreased periods of crying and better feeding outcomes. Johnson

wanted to find a way to address this lack of connection, both for the parents' peace of mind and for the baby's wellbeing.

The program provided small fabric hearts, hand-sewn by hospital volunteers, to the mother (or the father, if the mother was unable) so she could wear one in her shirt during the day. The NICU staff would then place it beside her baby, so he or she could experience mom's scent. There were two hearts for each family, one was always with the parent and the other with the child.

"The first parent I implemented the program with, I went over to be with her and explain how this fabric heart might help a little bit, so she can bond with her baby," said Johnson. "The mom just started crying, saying that it was such an overwhelming experience to have a baby in the NICU. Knowing that a part of her was always there was so moving and important to her. Her words made it all worth it in that moment."

It was important to Johnson that the program she helped implement could continue after she left the NICU. A dedicated girl scout who earned a Gold Award, Johnson passed the Helping Heart project to a fellow girl scout in the local area who will work on it for her own Gold Award. Johnson is serving as her mentor and advisor.

This role is partially paying it forward for Johnson's training at Murphy Deming, where she found "an incredible mentor" in Allison Ellington, occupational therapy program director.

"Dr. Ellington helped me turn my passion for the NICU into an incredible experience," she said. "Getting into the NICU is known for being difficult. A lot of places don't let students in because of the level of care and advanced skills needed, but Dr. Ellington worked with me to get me to that point where I was able to go in confidently."

Preparation with dedicated faculty and staff plus help accessing personalized opportunities — across the university, those efforts take many shapes and lead to many different places, but the springboard toward their dream is what students find at MBU.

"I couldn't imagine a better project for me or a better fieldwork experience than the one I had through MBU," said Johnson. "I gained so much confidence from being able to do this program successfully and to have those interactions with health practitioners, parents, and nonprofits. Now when I have an idea in the future, I know I can take it to the end and make it happen."

A LOST GENERATION IS FOUND

History professor Amy Tillerson-Brown's forthcoming book tells a story of black activism often neglected in accounts of the Prince Edward County public school crisis of 1959.

By Steve Neumann

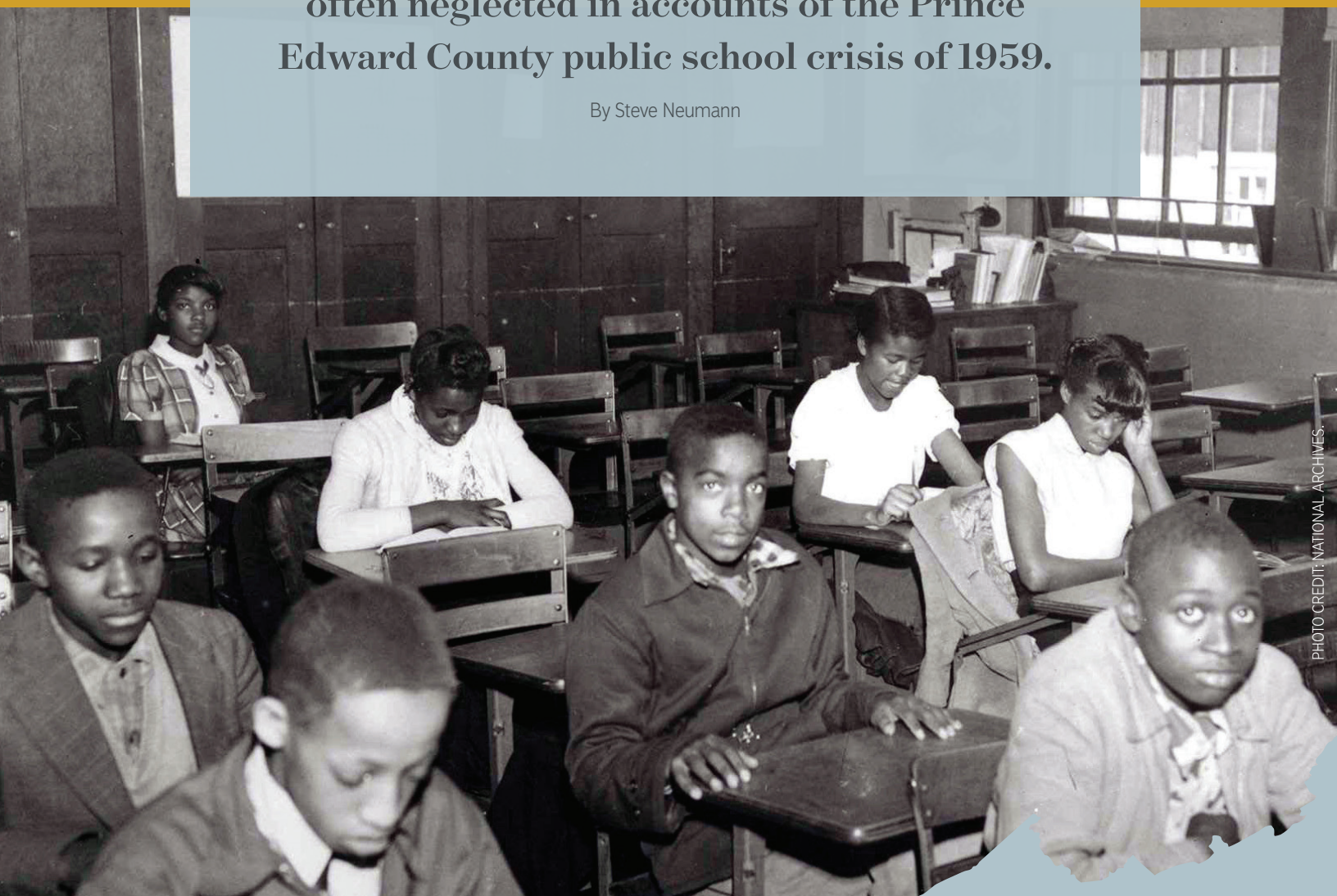


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When Prince Edward County refused to integrate its schools in 1959 under the landmark

1954 Supreme Court case *Brown v. Board of Education*, it became the only school system in the nation to close for five years rather than desegregate — becoming a symbol of white intolerance and a national disgrace in the process.

News reports at the time, as well as in subsequent years, painted two different pictures of the white and black communities that were affected. In the wake of the closings, Prince Edward County set up an all-white private school, named Prince Edward Academy, which received funding from both the state and county in the form of tax credits and donations. Meanwhile, black families, who by and large lacked private resources in addition to public funding, were described as being left with few options — either try to attend a school out of state, or forgo education altogether.

Amy Tillerson-Brown, professor of history and history department chair at Mary Baldwin University, grew up in Prince Edward County and attended high school during the 30th anniversary of the public school closings. Her mother, Phyllis Smith Tillerson, lost only one year of school because she was fortunate enough to move to Baltimore with her brother and sister and attend a Catholic school.

Expanding upon her personal connection to those events, Tillerson-Brown is currently writing a book about the school closings with the working title *Black Women in Prince Edward County, Virginia, Activists and Community Builders, 1880–1965*. Her book aims to revise the current historiography that



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— AMY TILLERSON-BROWN

HISTORY PROFESSOR AND PRINCE EDWARD COUNTY NATIVE

suggests that this was a "lost generation" for the black families of Prince Edward County.

"The stories I would hear about black people being helpless victims was something I couldn't wrap my head around," Tillerson-Brown said. "That's not to minimize the psychic trauma, but the people I had come in contact with from Prince Edward were not those helpless, backwards-type people that I thought were being discussed in the news."



Though her experience of the school closings' 30th anniversary had a profound impact on her, Tillerson-Brown wasn't able to address the topic with full force until she started her doctoral program in history at Morgan State University in Baltimore. While

there, she began working with the late Rosalyn Terborg-Penn, one of the university's pioneers of black women's history.

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Tillerson-Brown found stories of what the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP), the National Council of Negro Women, the Virginia Teachers Association, and the American Friends Service Committee did to alleviate the effects of the public school crisis for black families. But she also discovered that organizations like the Grand United Order of Moses — a small fraternal insurance society for black men and women based in south-central Virginia — and The Loving Sisters and Brothers of Worship — an organization that began as far back as 1840 — were indicative of a spirit of activism in the

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{Left}, Classroom in Moton High School, a school for black students in Prince Edward County, circa 1951. The photograph was used in *Dorothy E. Davis, et al. v. County School Board of Prince Edward County, et al.* to demonstrate unequal facilities between segregated schools. Dorothy E. Davis was a 14-year old ninth grader, and the case bearing her name became part of the landmark 1954 Supreme Court decision to end segregation in public schools with *Brown v. Board of Education*. Prince Edward County then closed its public schools from 1959 to 1964 to avoid desegregation.

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black community long before Prince Edward County shut its doors to them.

"These are self-help organizations for African Americans who knew, especially at the turn of the century, that if they didn't help themselves they weren't going to survive," Tillerson-Brown said.

Tillerson-Brown wants to give voice to generations of black activists in Prince Edward County, women in particular. Her book rejects the traditional notion that the civil rights movement began with the 1954 *Brown v. Board of Education* decision and ended with passage of the 1965 Voting Rights Act. She believes Prince Edward County's civil rights struggle began at the turn of the 20th century, extending to the educational and political activism of black students and black women in the county, including that of Barbara Johns.

Johns, the niece of civil rights activist and preacher Vernon Johns, organized a strike at Farmville's Moton High School in 1951 to protest inequality and segregation in schools. The following month, the NAACP

{Right}, Students protesting on Main Street in Farmville, the county seat of Prince Edward County, during the summer of 1963. Led by Rev. L. Francis Griffin, the protestors were demanding an end to racial segregation in public facilities and reopening the county's public schools.

filed a desegregation lawsuit on behalf of the students. The case became one of five decided in the landmark *Brown* case.

But the story of Barbara Johns is just one of many that Tillerson-Brown is proud to showcase in her book. It concludes by exploring the grassroots schools that black women operated while Prince Edward County public schools were closed, and shows how these teachers' commitment to education and community building followed the trajectory of uplift strategies employed by generations of black women since the 1890s.

"One story that I really like is Flossie Hudson, who traces her heritage to a slave woman who refused to get water for her slave master in the middle of a snowstorm," Tillerson-Brown said.

Hudson, whose son could no longer attend school because of the closing, was the daughter of one of the charter members of the NAACP in Prince Edward County. Along with the Reverend L. Francis Griffin, another famous civil rights leader during that time, she helped create "training centers" for black



children to fill the void left by the school closings.

"The women who taught in those centers said, 'listen, these kids need to learn how to read, and we're going to teach them.'" Tillerson-Brown said. "And that's what they would do,



Professor of History Amy Tillerson-Brown (right) chronicles the stories of lifelong Prince Edward County residents like Sarah Jordan (left), who attended community grassroots schools when the county closed its public schools from 1959 to 1964 rather than integrate them. Pictured at the Barbara Rose Johns Community Library in Farmville.

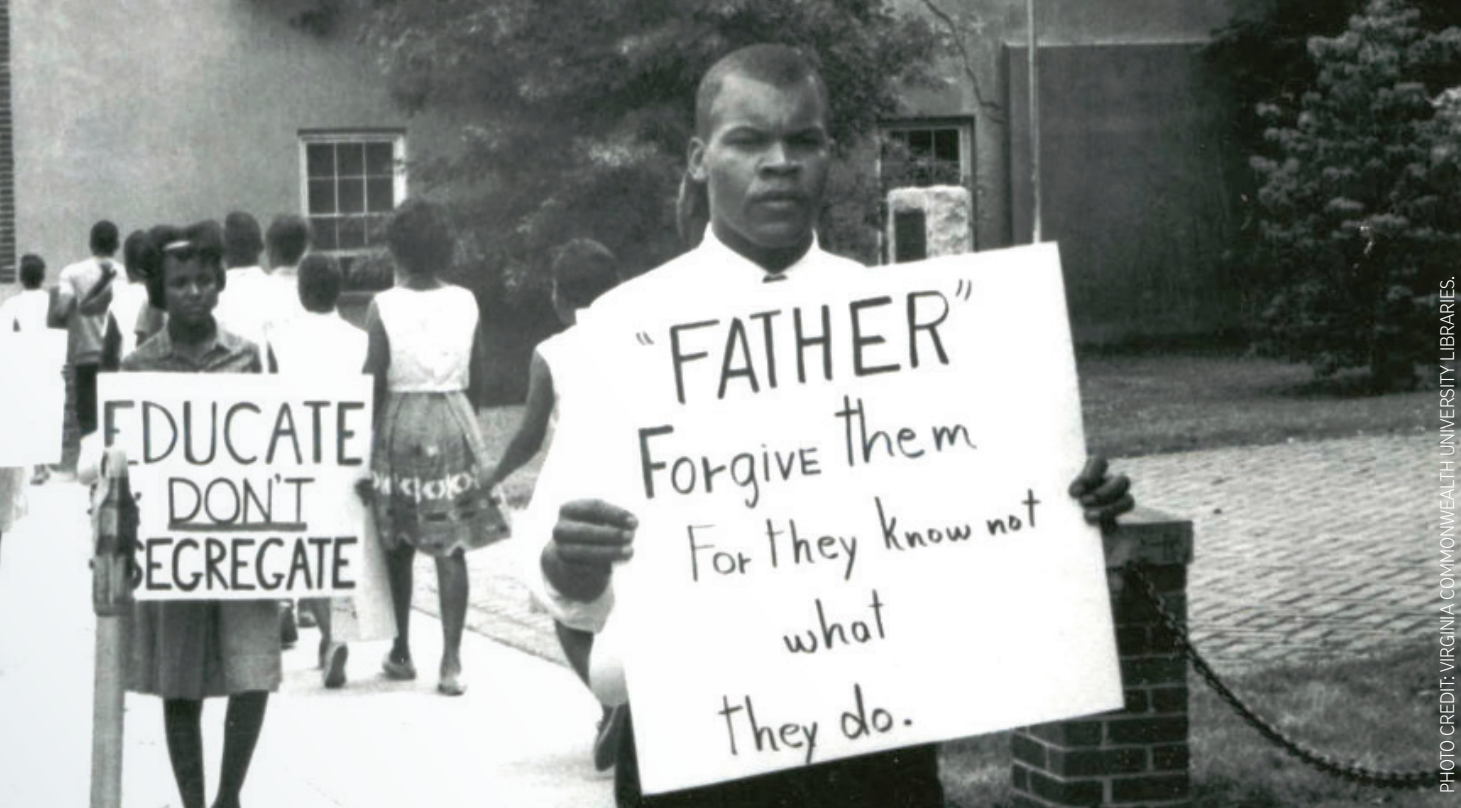


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even though the larger objective of these centers was just to provide socialization and recreation."

But Hudson had started a school in her basement even before the recreation centers were up and running, some days having upwards of 50 children in her care. Another woman, Libby Jordan, started a school with Beatrice Davenport in the basement of the St. James AME Church.

"Miss Libby Jordan taught the elementary-age kids, and Miss Beatrice Davenport taught the high-school-age kids," Tillerson-Brown says. "I interviewed students in those schools who swear that, had they not attended those schools, they would not have been prepared to go on to the next grade."



Tillerson-Brown hopes the stories she presents in her book challenge the understanding of the rural Prince Edward County community, and other rural communities around the country, by offering different lenses through which to see how black folks lived before, during, and after the civil rights era.

"My scholarship deals squarely with populations that have legacies of service — like the women I privilege in my work on Prince Edward County — but have been overlooked by traditional historiography," she said.

While scholarly publications are important to her, Tillerson-Brown also believes that community service and involvement are critical to effective teaching and learning. She encourages her students to become civically

engaged while doing research that is applicable to the wider community.

Recently, she designed an undergraduate internship course at Mary Baldwin called Archival Theory and Practice that introduced students to the basic theories and methodologies of collections management in archives and museums. Her students joined Virginia Africana — a statewide network of museum curators and historians that provides support and advice for those interested in museum work — and applied their knowledge of collections management by indexing, describing, and preserving digital images of materials in the African American History Museum in Waynesboro.

"Students who take my class hoping only to take notes, memorize, and regurgitate information are soon surprised — sometimes pleasantly, even," Tillerson-Brown said. "I am committed to developing syllabi that force students to challenge traditional assumptions, to take positions on matters and defend them, to take new looks at old materials, and to think for themselves."

She also hopes the kind of stories she tells in her forthcoming book, about how those women continued the work of generations of activists and sustained their communities during a time of such massive resistance, will inspire others outside the ivory tower.

"We should be — as people suggested in 2008 with the election of Barack Obama — a post-racial society," Tillerson-Brown said. "But we're not, because the civil rights struggle continues. As Malcolm X said: 'If we really are citizens, why are we still fighting for our civil rights?'"



AMY TILLERSON-BROWN

professor of history

Chair of MBU's History Department, Amy Tillerson-Brown teaches courses in African American, United States, women's, and African diaspora history, and also directs the African American studies and public history programs. She recently accepted a senior fellow/strategic consultant position at the Moton Museum in Farmville, and she plans to finish her book *Black Women in Prince Edward County, Virginia, Activists and Community Builders, 1880–1965* during summer 2020. Her other research interests include activism and resistance of women of Native American descent in Virginia and the Carolinas, and race and criminalization in Virginia, 1870–1950. Before coming to Mary Baldwin, she was director of the African American Heritage Program at the Virginia Foundation for the Humanities. She earned her BA and MA from Virginia Tech and her PhD from Morgan State University.

CLASS COLUMNS

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1950

MARY HORTON Waldron reports, "still leading an active lifestyle at Asbury Methodist Village in Gaithersburg, MD, after coming here to live 20 years ago. I'm so grateful for all life's great blessings and for Mary Baldwin's great preparation so many years ago.

1953

NELLE MCCANTS Smith reports she had a book published titled *Paradise: Memories of Hilton Head in the Early Days*.

1956

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Clare TROTTI Stephens and her husband, Hugh, have moved to Deerfield, an Episcopal retirement community, which she describes as a "fun place to be." It is "down the road" from Asheville, NC, their home for many years. They come and go as they please, and are finding the other residents very interesting. **Sue BERRY**

McMurray writes, "I am all afire concerning women's issues. Politics is all consuming. Looking forward to a visit soon with **Lois MORRISON Zeigler**, where her art can give me balance!" **Nancy PAYNE Dahl** writes, "My whole family — all 14 of us — took me to Sweden for 10 days; we toured around Sweden but mainly

connected with some family, most of whom we had never met. What an amazing experience! Then my family and I hosted a Dahl family reunion in July: 50 relatives from all over the United States, from 83 to 5 years old. Such fun! I am the only one remaining of the 'old' generation. We have always remained a very close Dahl family. One granddaughter is a senior at Cornell University, another granddaughter will be a freshman at the University of Virginia, and a third will be a sophomore at Stuart Hall. A grandson will be a sophomore at Harvey Mudd in Claremont, CA. Three other grandchildren are at Saint Anne's school in Charlottesville. My oldest grandson is working in Richmond in computer science. I am very blessed." **Mardi COWLES Scott**, writing from Yarmouth, MA, reported that her husband died on April 2 at Cape Cod Hospital, but that she is doing well and staying active. Mardi lives at Heatherwood, a retirement community that is celebrating its 30th anniversary this summer. **Jeanette FISHER Reid** and her husband, Judd,

enjoyed spending time this summer at Jeanette's beach house in Corolla, NC, with her daughter, son-in-law, grandson and his wife, and two great-grandchildren, ages 3 and 1. **Elaine BALDWIN** and her older daughter, Catherine, flew to Ireland at the end of April, joining Vagabond Tours on an exploration of "Ancient Ireland." "We traveled in a small bus from Dublin down the southern coast and into the interior. A great group of folks (only 10 of us) plus two marvelous, funny, and very informative guides. Just before we left, Catherine bred her yellow Labrador female to a handsome black Lab (both sporting excellent pedigrees), and now we have three adorable pups. Our large kitchen/dining room resembles a kennel! My grandson, now in his senior year at California State University at Long Beach, spent the summer with us, working full time at a paid internship with a financial services group. My younger daughter, Stephanie, is coming out for a visit in early Sept., returning to NC in time for the birth of her 2nd granddaughter (my 2nd great-granddaughter)."

1962

FRANCES WENTZ Taber reports that she and her daughter, Elizabeth, and grandson, Robert, had the experience of a lifetime going to former President Jimmy Carter's Sunday school class and meeting him and Mrs. Carter afterwards.

1963

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I always love hearing from you with your news of family, travels, and connections with classmates! I had an interesting connection after the spring 2019 magazine came out. I got a phone call one day from a woman who said she didn't think I would remember her from Mary Baldwin, but that her name was **MARJORIE CHITTUM**, and she had seen my phone number at the top of my column. I immediately remembered her as the older day student who sat next to me in Ben Smith's freshman English class. Margie befriended me and had me to her Staunton home several times for dinner with her family. Margie had two young children, but wanted to get her degree and become a teacher. Due to her family responsibilities, she could not take a full class load each semester, so she graduated in 1967. On the phone she told me she was now 90 years old, and that she and her husband have lived near Waynesboro for many years. I told her I have a daughter who lives in Crozet, only about 15 miles from her, and when I next visited my family there I would try to visit her. I visited in June, and found Margie to be sharp as a tack, remembering so many people from our MBC days. We had the most delightful visit, and this was truly a special connection! A group of our classmates got together in Annapolis in late April for a somewhat impromptu "mini, mini" reunion. It all started when **JUDY ROY Hoffman** made plans

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— MARY HORTON WALDRON '50

to visit **JUNE EARLY Fraim** in Northern VA, and they decided to go to Annapolis to see **SUE HOOK Smith**. One call led to another, and by April, 13 classmates met in Annapolis. Judy and Sue made all the lodging and dining arrangements, and made it happen! Most stayed in a wonderful B&B located next door to the U.S. Naval Academy and within walking distance of the downtown area. Various activities for those who wished included visiting the Naval Academy, taking a boat tour, a walking tour, shopping, and just relaxing in the B&B sharing memories and renewing old friendships. Classmates included **EMY MARTIN Halpert**, **MARY WHITTLE Chapman**, **KATHERINE "KAY" EARLY Dougherty**, **JAN HADDRELL Connors**, **SUE HOOK Smith**, **MEREDITH ROBERTSON Heinecke**, **PEGGY MALONE West**, **MARY GILLESPIE Amos**, **JUDY PAYNE Grey**, **JUNE EARLY Fraim**, **JUDY ROY Hoffman**, **JULIE WILLMAN Norman**, and **HELEN YOUNG HUTCHESON Massingill**. As June wrote, "these college connections are priceless." Here in Atlanta, GA, **MARY GILLESPIE Amos** invited those of us who helped plan the 2016 mini reunion here to her lovely home for a luncheon in June. At the last minute, **JO AVERY** was not able to come, but **JUDY BRYANT Skinner**, **MARSALL WILKERSON Kress**, and I were there, joined by **JAN HADDRELL Connors** who came down from Greenville, SC, and stayed with me. Mary reported that she visited **EMY MARTIN Halpert** in April, seeing sights in Philadelphia, and then the two of them went down to Annapolis together. Mary almost had to kick us out that afternoon because we had so much fun talking we didn't want to leave! The next day, Jan and I enjoyed a delightful visit to the Atlanta Botanical Gardens. Jan really gets around, and takes making connections as a serious business. She visited **NANCY JACKSON Miller** in Richmond, and they got together with **KAY PUCKETT Felmlee '66** and went furniture shopping at Green Front in Farmville, and also did some general touring in Lynchburg. In July, Jan went up to Asheville to spend the day with **MARGARET GUNTER Riddle**. The two of them drove up on the Blue Ridge Parkway and had lunch at the Pisgah Inn on a glorious summer day.

ELIZABETH BROWN McKell, husband Jay, and her younger sister and husband spent a week in New Orleans in Feb. celebrating the 80th birthday of sister **MARY ELLEN BROWN '60**. They enjoyed sightseeing at the Whitney Plantation, listening to Preservation Hall jazz, beignets, and lots of fabulous food. Elizabeth and Jay also had a great adventure with 4 grandchildren exploring Washington, D.C., in June, and then they welcomed a new granddaughter, Lila, daughter of their youngest son and his wife. Elizabeth reports that they are thrilled with this newest addition and look forward to lots of babysitting soon. For 3 weeks this summer the McKells hosted a 14-year-old French young man, now living in Montreal, for English immersion — the son of folks they met during their sabbatical in Paris. "We had forgotten how much teenage boys eat," she says. More travel plans are in the works, as she says they are traveling while they can. **JUDY BRYANT Skinner** traveled to Australia and New Zealand this past Feb. She reports it was a wonderful trip made even more special because Judy's brother and sister-in-law from IA also went. The nucleus of the group of 31 consisted of members of the Senior University of Greater Atlanta (SUGA) of which both Judy and I are active participants (but I wasn't on this adventure). The trip began with a 6-day pre-cruise in Australia during which Judy and several others went snorkeling at the Great Barrier Reef. She jokingly says, "Getting in and out of the wetsuits was quite a challenge and definitely not a thing of beauty!" The snorkeling itself, however, was great fun, she reports, and a lovely venture. After the land tour, she continues, "the group boarded the ship in Sydney and cruised down the coast of Australia to Melbourne, Tasmania, and then to New Zealand. There were many highlights (the Sydney Opera House, the beauty of the New Zealand coast, etc.) but most of all it was the friendliness of the Australian and New Zealand people which stood out above all else." Judy continues to be active in her church, senior university, and her exercise group. She also enjoys the occasional gathering of the Atlanta MBC alumnae. Most of all, she enjoys going to her grandchildren's various activities like soccer, baseball, swim

WHY I GIVE

Karen Bailey-Chapman '99



When Thorold, Ontario, native Karen Bailey-Chapman '99 was looking at schools, she certainly had her pick: she was recruited for three different sports at the Division I level. But Bailey-Chapman wanted to look beyond athletics.

She thought the military might be a career option, so when the superintendent at her military prep school in New York recommended she consider Mary Baldwin University's new Virginia Women's Institute for Leadership (VWIL), she made the trip with her dad to take a look. Not only did Bailey-Chapman love the Shenandoah Valley, but she was also impressed by the amount of attention she was given as a prospective student. Mary Baldwin felt like a place she could call home.

An internship on Capitol Hill the summer before her senior year would inspire Bailey-Chapman to pursue a career in the political world, and for the past 20 years, she has worked in public affairs across a variety of industries. She currently serves as the senior vice president of public affairs for the American Beverage Association, and she credits her MBU experience for much of her success.

"The school had a very holistic approach to education, and I think that was something that's been very important to me," Bailey-Chapman said. "I've had clients in several different industries, and you have to be a quick study in their public policy and politics. Because of my Mary Baldwin education, I have these core competencies that allow me to be a very effective advocate throughout my career."

In her spare time, Bailey-Chapman competes in triathlons and likes to travel (she's been to all 50 states and six continents). And she continues to be part of the MBU community. Not only is she a member of the Board of Trustees, but Bailey-Chapman supports the VWIL program to ensure its growth, has come back to teach, and has mentored students.

"I feel very fortunate with the opportunities I've had, and it's my responsibility to help the next generation, whether that's with money, time, or expertise," she said. "Mary Baldwin played a big role in who I am and how I got here, so I think it's important for me to pay that back."

meets, and camp plays, and says, "Being a part of their young lives is a true blessing." **PICKETT CRADDOCK** reports she is still working 2 days a week at Amazing Life Games leading "creative play" with 2 ½- to 5-year-olds from September to after Easter. She also runs Oak Grove Plantation B&B in South Boston from May to Labor Day. She says that 2020 will be the 200th birthday of the house and there will be specials on her website www.oakgroveplantation.com. She and her husband, Mike Doan, spent Christmas in Reno with his sister and nephew, then they went on to Sun Valley, ID, to spend time with Pickett's son, Chris, daughter-in-law, and their 4 boys (ages 6 to 12) where they did some cross-country skiing. They also later spent 4 days at Massanutten near Harrisonburg with their daughter, Sara, son-in-law, his mother, and 2 young grandchildren. She says Mike did some downhill skiing and she did a lot of Play-Doh with the kids. In June, Pickett got an "innsitter," and she and Mike went to Spain with son Chris and his family. They spent 3 days in Barcelona and a week in Mallorca. In July, Mike was diagnosed with a clogged artery and got a stent, after which his energy increased immediately, allowing him to hold up for a week's visit from daughter, Sara, and her 2- and 4-year-old children, as they moved from WV to GA. Just after Columbus Day this year, Pickett says there will be a 1963 MBC Junior Year in Madrid reunion at **SARA JANE BEABOUT Hartman's** lovely Hudson, NY, country home. There were 14 students in the cohort — 1 has died and 2 definitely can't make it, but Pickett says she hopes the rest of them can attend. I heard from Sara, too, and she said at least 3 husbands will attend as well. She says she is having an authentic Spanish paella dinner at her home on one of the nights. YUM! Sara also said she continues to spend a lot of time in her vegetable garden

this summer, even though it is a bit smaller in terms of things planted than in former years, and for the first time she has gotten some help to keep the weeds under control. She had a bumper crop of sugar snap peas, and also did well with the green beans and tomatoes. Sara also enjoys babysitting every few weeks for her very active 3 ½-year-old grandson. He loves to come to the country. As they did last year, **KATHERINE "KAY" EARLY Dougherty** and husband David spent 2 glorious summer months in Ireland for what has become an annual "pilgrimage" for them. They enjoy staying in a quaint Irish cottage owned by a friend of theirs on Ballycotton Bay in County Cork. Kay states that "the cottage is in a fairly remote area of Ireland, one not traveled by many tourists. Still, there is interesting history associated with this part of the country, and for certain there are many sights worth seeing, including the Rock of Cashel and the towns of Kinsale and Cobh (the last place the *Titanic* docked before it met its terrible fate). Friends ask us what we do when we are not touring, and we tell them we spend that time doing what we do at home in Wilmington: reading, walking on our beach, cooking — in this case mostly Irish dishes — and welcoming friends and family to this beautiful place." This year Kay's twin sister, **JUNE EARLY Fraim**, and her husband, Tom, and 4 other members of his family joined them during the first week of July. While the visitors were there over July 4th, Kay and David invited 2 English friends to join them. "They arrived with a bottle of the very best Irish champagne, and we toasted our independence well into the wee hours of the night," she says. It really sounds like they had a wonderful summer adventure. **EMY MARTIN Halpert** writes, "I loved seeing some college friends in Annapolis in April and hope we will have a reunion somewhere in 2020. In

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September 2019, we went on a 1-week small boat cruise to Alaska, taking along our 16-year old granddaughter, Ella Sudduth, who is a junior at Exeter Academy. She definitely made the trip more fun for us and everyone else on board. We went north from Juneau to Glacier Bay National Park, and after the first day we almost never saw another boat, and a lot of the land we went by was uninhabited by people. I was without cell service for most of the time, a wonderful change and reminder of how much more peaceful life is that way. Alaska's beauty is really the grand scale of the scenery and the intense quiet, both hard to describe. I took a lot of pictures. We are spending the summer in Colorado as usual and are so grateful to be away from the humidity of Philadelphia." Yes, Emy, we do hope we will have a mini reunion somewhere in 2020! Conversations are taking place about planning for 2020, but nothing definite yet. You will hear from us by email, so stay tuned. These connections with classmates are so important to so many of us.

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The Class of 1967 Angels in Disguise have been sharing our news via an email round-robin for several years, helping us to keep up with each other with

celebration, encouragement, compassion and enjoyment in each other's lives. Class members who are not participating in this fun exchange of news are invited to send an email to our class secretary, **KATHY RICE Knowles**. Contact information is noted above. **SUSAN PALMER**, a member of the Mary Baldwin Board of Trustees, teaches Executive MBA classes at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill as a professor of the practice. Susan also travels extensively, recently returning from a 2-week trip to Prague, Budapest, and Vienna. **SUE McDOWELL Whitlock**, also a Class of 1967 member of the Mary Baldwin Board of Trustees, took a 5-week trip to Australia in March and April, exploring Tasmania, Melbourne, Adelaide, and Perth and took a cross-country trip on the Indian Pacific Railroad. Sue also traveled to the Friuli region of Italy, staying with friends in their home in a small Roman town at the foot of the Dolomites. **SALLIE CHELLIS Schisler** is the vicar at Christ Episcopal Church in Ironton, OH. Her husband, Dick, is a retired judge working part-time as the student hearing officer at the University of Ohio. Sue and Dick have 4 grandchildren and have built a home in a long-term care community. **MARGARET ALLEN Palmer** and husband Alex love to travel. They recently played 10 different golf courses in the British Isles, finishing up by attending The Open at Portrush in Scotland. They have also played golf at St. Andrews and in Bordeaux and

Normandy, France. Margaret and Alex live in Nashville near their daughter and grandchildren and spend summers in Vail and winters in Florida. **PATTI GOLDEN Towle** is a realtor for Sotheby's in Palm Beach, FL. She lives on Hypoluxo Island in the middle of South Florida's Intracoastal Waterway, with her husband and several rescue animals. Patti celebrated spring in 2019 by having a mini-reunion with classmates **ANNE DINGLEDINE Stribling, COURTENEY GREENE Mullen, KAREN GRAHAM Harrison, ANN FLATHER Miles,** and **FRANCES SISSON Higgins. DIANE SHERRY DINWIDDIE André** lives in Maine on a small lake where she hosts her granddaughters, family, and friends for fun on the water in summer and icy adventures in winter. Diane is active in sketching workshops and storytelling groups in Maine and elsewhere, and has traveled extensively, most recently to Newfoundland in 2019. **GINGER TAYLOR Otts** is a grant writer for the Mobile Museum of Art. Her husband, Mac, is also still working and they celebrated their 52nd anniversary in 2019. Their married children live in Mobile along with 5 grandchildren. Ginger plays golf and bridge weekly, and she and Mac enjoy taking the grandchildren on trips to interesting places. **MARGARET JENNINGS Metz** is celebrating 4 ½ years of recovery from lung cancer with a beautiful, clean scan showing good health. Margaret and Mary Baldwin roomie **ELIZABETH BARKLEY Ravenel** met recently in Charleston for their first visit since graduation, enjoying group photos of long-ago Apple Days together. **ROSA McLAUGHLIN Heinsohn** rejoices in the birth of her 20th grandchild to son Bo Carrington and his wife, Carrie. Rosa is fortunate to have all but 4 of her grands living on her road in Charlottesville, and can't believe that 5 of them are in college this year at UVA and JMU. **DIANE NICHOLS Rogers** and

Milton are retired from their careers in education and are enjoying life in Campbellsville, KY, with their 3 children and spouses, plus 8 grandchildren. Diane is an active volunteer in several local and state organizations in her adopted state of KY, where she and Milton have lived for 46 years. **CALLY ROGERS-WITTE** and husband Frank have enjoyed a year-long voyage on Jubilee, their Ranger Tug 29, from their home in Cocoa, FL. They navigated up the intracoastal waterway, the Chesapeake and Delaware Bays, out into the ocean off NJ, up the Hudson River, and through many canal and lock systems north of Montreal, Ottawa, and Ontario to Lake Huron. They stored the boat for the winter months in MI, returning in May to explore the wonders of Lakes Huron and Michigan, ending up in Chicago. They then entered the river system of the IL, MS, OH, and TN rivers, arriving in Mobile before heading home to FL. Callie reports it was an amazing experience both in the rivers and in small towns along the route, and says that she and Frank are sad to complete their "Great Loop" of adventure. **LESLIE WESTBROOK** continues her psychotherapy practice in Kensington/Bethesda, MD, and her husband, Roger, is retiring from his position as senior minister of the Unitarian Universalist Church of Sarasota, FL. At that time, they will reunite in Maryland, finishing up their 8 years of commuter marriage. This will be a very happy day for Leslie and Roger. **GINA CARTER Holden**

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— BUFF HANES THOMAS '69

and Tom live in a retirement community in the beautiful Shenandoah Valley and spend part of each year traveling around the world. They have taken two Viking cruises in western Europe, a Road Scholar trip to the low country of GA, and cruises in the St. Lawrence Seaway between Toronto and Maine. Gina and Tom volunteer in their community and travel to stay in touch with their 5 grandchildren with great regularity. **PEGGY MADDEX Barnes** and Don celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary in 2019 and are working on their "bucket list" of traveling and seeing friends. Peggy spent a weekend in March with **SARA ODEN TIPSON** and **KAREN COWSERT PRYOR** at a church women's retreat in VA. Peggy and Don have traveled to OR, then to Vancouver for a train trip across, around, and through the Cascade mountains and Canadian Rockies to Lake Louise, Banff and Calgary. Peggy says she is thankful to have been able to take such a trip and also to be back at home, sleeping in her own bed. **PAM MELSON Martin** has retired from 30 years in the real estate business and has finally finished restoring her old house in Savannah with her husband. Pam, an avid reader, also makes plenty of time for fun with grandson, Sam, who is 12. Pam welcomes Savannah visitors any time. **JANICE SMITH Barry** and Michael travel far and wide from their home in Jupiter, FL. They go to see their grandchildren in Alexandria about every 6 weeks and are working on completing their goal of visiting all 50 states. In April, Janice and Michael took a trip to the Old Silk Road, a network of ancient trade routes between the Far East and southern Europe in ancient times. **FRANCES HARVEY Mallison** has moved to a patio home and owns a wonderful condo at Echota, NC, with a view of Grandfather Mountain. Frances and classmate **PEGGY MADDEX Barnes** see each other regularly through their church activities, and

her children and grandchildren live nearby, helping to create a healthy, happy life for Frances. **JENNIFER COX Coleman** and husband Randy live in Little Rock, AR. In retirement, Jennifer is following her passion of oil painting and has been the featured artist in art shows around the state. She sold her management business several years ago and though Randy is still practicing law, they travel often to places where they can find interesting golf courses. Jennifer and Randy meet their children and grandchildren often at their lake house in Hot Springs, AR. **JUDY PUGH Stone** manages her own beautiful flower garden as well as the community garden nearby. She participates in nature journaling and experiments in Photoshop Elements with her digital photographs. Judy also leads a spiritual formation group at Yale Divinity School, audits courses at Yale, and participates in Interplay, a group which involves movement, free-form dance, storytelling, and other forms of self expression. **JACKIE STROUPE Pace** has found a new home in a retirement community near Charlotte following the death of her husband, Stephen, in January. She is busy downsizing and has found success using Chaos to Calm, a service which assists in major moves. **RHETT CUTHBERT Campbell** is another of our class artists, and enjoys painting portraits, landscapes, nature subjects, animals and whatever else appeals to her artistic eye. Rhett has won many ribbons and prizes for her paintings, and displays her art on her Facebook market page, Rhett's Studio. **KATHY RICE Knowles** and husband Bob (Robbie to those who knew him long ago!) have moved from their home in the Virginia mountains at Wintergreen to a townhouse in Durham, NC. Proximity to kids and grandkids has overcome misgivings about leaving the beauty of the mountains and the Shenandoah

Valley. Kathy and Bob take courses through OLLI at Duke and enjoy traveling with Road Scholar and Viking. Kathy also works with high-risk students at a local elementary school. The Class of 1967 mourns the loss of two classmates in the past year.

BARBARA FREEMAN Ragsdale and **JANE BATES Hipps** will be missed by all of us who shared our college years at Mary Baldwin together from 1963–67.

1969

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JANE "JANIE" CARTER Vaughan writes: "A week after graduation (in June of 1969), I was a bridesmaid in classmate **SANDY HOLLIMAN'S** wedding. A few days later, another classmate, **LINDA JONES**, and I joined a chaperoned group for 2 months in Europe. I will always rue the day that I chose sleep over staying up to hear the moon landing on the radio. Our small Greek ship had no TV — just a radio broadcast at the bar in Greek — but I wish I'd stayed up to feel the excitement of the crew. That August, I moved to Richmond in time for the flooding from Hurricane Camille and started a job at the Virginia Museum of Fine Arts. Quite an interesting summer! I decided that I was going to re-read all of my history textbooks, which never happened. Yes, I have kept on ruing. What am I doing now? I am trying to see

my 4 grandchildren as much as I can. No one lives nearby, but we try to make it happen. My bones are benefitting, I hope, from Pilates, tap class, and Hill City Cloggers. I paint (watercolors) when I have time and feel like messing up the dining room table. My harp is standing nearby saying, "Practice! Practice!" — but I am becoming more of a procrastinator as time marches on. Our Reunion was SO much fun. I am happier than ever that I chose to go to Mary Baldwin!"

BEKAH KENNEDY Caruso

writes, "In the summer of 1969, a relative had left me \$2,500 in her will, earmarked for educational purposes. I wasn't planning to go to graduate school, so I used it for a 2-month-long trip to Europe with **SUZANNE JONES Duncan** and **ANNE EMMERT Thompson**, with week-long stays in primary cities. Along the way, we visited **BETSY KENNIG Byford '68** and Bruce in Nea Makri, Greece, and classmate **SANDIE MCQUARRY Rigby** in Munich. We stayed in Scotland with Suzanne's future husband's relatives and in London with a friend of my cousins, **MARGARET "PEGGY" ENGLE Trumbo '63** and **ELIZABETH "BETTY" ENGLE Stoddard '60**. In Italy, I spied a front-page newspaper photo of Neil Armstrong walking on the moon. Traveling by train, renting a car in England where we navigated drives on the left side of the road, and clutching *Europe on \$5 a Day* — these are memories that remain vivid in my mind. I arrived home at Dulles with less than a dollar in my pocket. My favorite book of

summer 2019 was *Becoming* by Michelle Obama. Bill and I enjoy watching the various *Masterpiece* (and other) series through PBS Passport. **ELIZABETH "BUFF" HANES Thomas** writes, "In the summer of 1969, Mr. Booth (Alfred "Albie" Booth, who taught in the math department) sent me to New York City to learn programming at IBM. I bunked with classmates **SHERRI MILLER Stephenson**, **JUDY GALLOWAY**, and **ENGLE YOKLEY** in their apartment. We shared mattresses on the floor because no one had enough money for a real bed. Galloway made fabulous spaghetti sauce. I follow her recipe to this day! Back in Staunton, I worked in an interior design shop, Young Interiors, run by Joan & Wendell Young and their bull mastiff, Brandy Cork. And then I moved into the apartment in South Bailey. I lived there and began working for Mary Baldwin as a punch card operator. The college had rented space on a computer in town and was moving into a new era of record keeping. This past August, I spent a week on Cape Cod for an annual writing retreat that I attended last year and that I promised myself I would commit to for the rest of my life. Yes, it was that amazing. I wasn't such a good writer at MBC, but these senior years find me at the computer, clicking away with memories and stories that need to be chronicled. **JACQUELINE "RIPPER" RIEPE Hill** writes, "Hunter and I are blessed with reasonably good health in our 70s. We celebrated our 50th wedding anniversary last June. Life for me is filled with tending to loved ones on both ends of the age spectrum. All things considered, my mom is in remarkably good health at almost 98, but I do spend a great deal of time tending to her. On the other end of the spectrum, watching my kindergarten granddaughter experience the thrill of learning to read brings me joy beyond words. Activism in church and politics (the Blue Wave continues)

seems to round out the rest of my time. **INGRID STALHEIM Andrews** writes, "50 years ago in August, I was getting married in Salt Lake City, UT, and moving to Charlottesville while Rick finished engineering school. Right after his graduation, we moved to the Bay Area and he shipped out to Vietnam. We recently finished celebrating our 50th wedding anniversary with a family cruise to Alaska with both "boys," their wives, and 2 grandkids. We redid my parents' condo in SLC a few years ago and are living there this year while we remodel our house in Southern California. Come visit! **CORRIE SMITH Sargeant** and her husband, Rowell, were also married in August of 1969 after TWA flight school and before USMC OCS. They celebrated Corrie's birthday in Aspen last May. They have 10 grandchildren, 5 boys and 5 girls ranging in age from 10–20. **LEE MCALLISTER Turner** writes, "It was an unforgettable 50th Reunion. I'm so proud to be a part of the Class of '69, and reconnecting with my MBU family was definitely a highlight of this year. Since husband Winn's and my retirement adventure/move to Culpeper from Atlanta, GA, we've had a mini-reunion visit with classmate **ANN RICE Gray** and her husband, Robert, and often reconnect with former roommate **LINDSAY JONES**, who drives from nearby Warrenton to share lunch or a movie. Speaking of families, this has been the spring/summer for 2 special highlights with my Culpeper Presbyterian church family: (1) corralling and directing 12 male "apostles" and "Jesus" for our moving presentation of "The Living Last Supper," and (2) building a home and special relationships on a week-long Habitat for Humanity mission trip in North Carolina. Not to mention, a fun-filled and rare gathering of everyone in my busy beloved family on a recent Outer Banks beach trip with grown sons Topher (Amy)

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and Andy (Lillian) and grandsons Jet, Will, and Colin. Favorite summer read of 2019: *Small Great Things* by Jodi Picoult. Favorite Broadway play of 2019: *To Kill a Mockingbird*. Favorite Netflix binge: *Outlander*.

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SUSAN MYERS went to camp. Yes, camp. In the summer of 1969, some 100+ college students from around the country worked at Silver Bay, a YMCA Conference Center on Lake George in the Adirondacks. (Susan excelled as a soda jerk.) This August many of those still-crazy college kids returned to Silver Bay to celebrate their 50th anniversary and reminisce about that milestone year: the moon landing, Woodstock, the Stonewall riots, summer romances, The Fifth Dimension concert under the stars at Saratoga Springs, etc. Happily, Susan reports that she garnered an Honorable Mention for the Best Attitude Award this year, and more importantly survived both the hike to Inspiration Point and the campfire songfest (with s'mores). Even more remarkable

was that no one had aged a bit. **LELIA LYTLE** shares that she attended her segregated school reunion in July; had been in CA on Family Medical Leave; will be attending her first family reunion on her father's side at the end of August; has a big birthday at the end of Oct. (age ending with a zero); and will be moving within Washington, D.C., in a few months. **MARY JIM MOORE Quillen** writes that she had a kidney transplant last Oct., "My first transplant (2008) failed for some unknown reason. I was on dialysis for 14 months with no expectation of getting another transplant for as much as 4 years. Then my miracle happened. I was offered 2 kidneys (somewhat unusual). We got the call on Sunday afternoon, and I had working kidneys in the wee hours of Monday morning. I am so appreciative of your cards, letters, and emails that I received. Knowing that you were thinking of me really boosted my morale. The kidneys continue to work just fine and I cannot believe my good fortune. We moved into our house in Staunton after 3 years in a condo on the old Western State mental institution campus. Our house is the one brick house on the campus across from Wright's Dairy-Rite. My transplant came 1 month after we moved and there were still boxes in my dining room. Mike and I are going to Scotland in the fall, our first big trip since the transplant. My 3 kids and my 3 grandkids (Lillian, 7, Addie, 4, and Charlie, 4) are fine also. We get to see the girls (our daughter's) more often since they live in Northern VA. Charlie and Henry (our son) and wife Tory live in Portsmouth, NH. Youngest James is taking an Army Reserve position for 2 years that will take him to

Germany. We really are enjoying living in Staunton. I see Susan Myers and run into Ethel Smeak and Jim Lott at various events."

JILL BUTLER Pendleton became a grandmother on Aug. 15. Her son and daughter-in-law have a beautiful baby girl and they live in Richmond. From **LEA AYERS Gilman**: "My daughter, Ayers, was married on Sept. 15, 2018. I really enjoyed serving on the MBU Alumni Board for 6 years."

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MARY JANE CONGER shared that on April 8, 2018, her church honored her for her 40 years of service as volunteer church librarian and now church historian by dedicating the library as the Mary Jane Conger library in her honor. Unbeknownst to her, the congregation donated almost \$1,300 for books in her honor.

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KATHY HULL Nowell writes, "I retired in Sept. 2018. My husband and I travelled 8,200 miles from the east coast to Glacier National Park to southern UT, MS, CO, and home visiting all the national parks and monuments we could. Retirement is great." **CAROLINE PRICE-Gibson** writes, "I retired last year and am living in Odenton, MD. I'm loving the adjustment from a job where I was working too many hours, constantly on call, and half a continent from our family. Now my husband and I enjoy traveling and hanging out with our sons — 1 in Annapolis, the other in Northern VA. I visit my mother in Fairfax each week. It has been good to reconnect with friends. I've also been involved in various prison ministries in MD, immigration issues, and protests. I've taught classes at both the

National Cathedral and Ark and Dove Presbyterian Church (my 2 churches) and swim a mile most mornings. All this sounds more productive than it actually is — I'm still trying to figure out what I should do when I grow up." **SUSAN BAUGHMAN Homar** writes, "Katy, missed you at Reunion — here is a picture of some of our classmates who made it back. It was terrific seeing the curriculum expansion and great accomplishments taking place there. In addition, I caught up with **LEE JOHNSTON Foster '75**, **LINDSAY RYLAND '73**, and **BARBARA KNEISELY Roberts '73**. Good life goes on. I'm enjoying an active life in Savannah GA. Active with my church, focused on outreach to the local school and community. Continuing my work assisting individuals with Medicare finding their health plans. Try to get in 5 miles a day walking ... and so it goes!" **KATY COLVILLE Reid** says, "Things are going great for me. I continue to teach 5 awesome indoor cycling classes per week. I know that fitness is my passion. I want to inspire others to get in top physical condition, as I know that fitness is a *fountain of youth*. I also swim and do Pilates. I work with a business from home that allows me to promote fitness. My son Joey is finishing up a BS in computer gaming at the University of Baltimore and still lives at home. My other son Jeremy lives 5 miles away, has a BS in computer gaming, and works in the area. My husband, Gary, still works as a senior electrical engineer."

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"In Madrid, we took a picture of the two of us looking just like we did at MBC (now MBU)!"

— CHRIS HOLSTROM '80

LAURA REED Bivans (class secretary) get in touch via email at dnlbivans34@verizon.net or Facebook at Laura Elizabeth Reed Bivans. Well we're getting through another year. This one hasn't been great for my family — my brother Rex died Feb. 10 at 45 years old; the day of his funeral, my parents' pool house burned down with my dad's major toy collection in it, and we lost Rex's hunting horse to colic. Then on March 16, my dad had a heart attack — he's doing much better, but if you gain 5 lbs. or more in a week run to the doctor. So my summer has been spent cleaning up soot off toys and cleaning their RV to sell and basically being caregiver to them both. A new job I'm not sure I'm ready for. **MARGARET "MARGIE" '10** and Nicholas Fogle Thurmont, MD, married on August 5, 2019. Margie is working at a new school with 6–18 year olds who are ready to step back into public schools if she says they can! She and Nick are still in Fairfield, PA, with their 2 dogs. Thomas is now in Nebraska; he drove a semi all winter and is harvesting again this summer. I'm now considering retirement after next school year to take care of parents and help Denise (Rex's wife) with the kids. Want to do some travelling too. Talked to **LISA PETTY**. She's living in Greenville, NC, and she lost her dad this winter but her mom is still living nearby. We talk every month or so. **MANDY BURRUS Talaat** writes, "I am a grandma now, to adorable Penny Russell, born on December 24, 2018. She is our Christmas Eve gift, and she's wonderful." **DENISE WILLIAMSON Killebrew** writes,

"Your note came at an appropriate time because it is my first official day with an empty nest. Both of my children, Jake and Virginia, are now officially launched on careers of their own with homes of their own, and I can begin my exit strategy from 35 years of big law firm practice. It's been great, but I am looking forward to unplugging and hitting the road with my husband. Hope that you and yours are well." **JENIFER WALKER** and **BOBBIE NICODEMUS Denn '82** took a vacation to Nova Scotia in June. Nearly 40 years after being Woodson roommates, the two Squirrels headed off first to Halifax, where Jenifer attended an editor's conference and Bobbie met up with an outdoor knitting group. They write, "Over the course of a week, we visited Cape Breton and the Gaelic College, where we were treated to demonstrations of fiddle music, dancing, singing, weaving, and Scottish Gaelic. We went to a rather fabulous knit shop in Baddeg (go if you're in the area: Baadeg Knit Shop), traveled up and down the coast to visit every single open artist's shop (sea glass, leather, painting, soaps): our suitcases were full. We also went to Louisbourg Fortress, site of a French settlement, and a wonderful museum on a tribe of First People, the Miqmaq ("Mic-maw"). In between all that were bed and breakfasts and charming cottages and, fortunately, great weather. And ice cream; lots of ice cream. The blues of the water and sky were stunning. And we're happy to say that we got along just like the old days!" **CHRIS HOLSTROM** writes, "I

have a little bit of news to add. Katherine Jackson Anderson and I spent a lovely week in Madrid in March. We went to visit my youngest daughter, Elizabeth, who was studying in Madrid for the semester. We toured castles and visited museums, ate a lot of tapas, and visited the village of Segovia, which is a World Heritage Site. We just about walked our legs off but it was wonderful to have a whole week together. Since Katherine is in SC and I am in NJ, we often meet in between, but Madrid was a new and different place to travel to and be together. We took a picture of the two of us looking just like we did at MBC (now MBU)! Thanks for keeping us all up to date and in touch."

LISA PETTY is living in an assisted living facility in Greensboro, NC. She lost her dad this year but her mom is still up and running. Lisa is enjoying life and still making poems.

1981

LISA SAUL reports she began her company EcoColors in 2000 with the commitment to nontoxic ingredients in hair colorants. She continues the commitment to researching ingredient toxicity in daily exposure to everyday cosmetics in hopes of creating more natural based hair colorants that are effective and safe.

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1984

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MARY SANTUCCI Tiffin reports, "We are doing well in PA. My sons are happy and growing up. The eldest, Christopher, is working in NYC and enjoying his life post Loyola University. Middle son Michael is headed to Emory in the fall. And Stephen will be starting 11th grade. I've started my own

company designing and producing a line of safety accessories called *MangataLites*. We've appeared on the *Today Show*, *Good Morning America*, and Fox News. And I finally finished my book about my husband's passing and starting our business, titled *At Dreams' End*. It was a necessary act of love. All is well for us! Also, I've been so blessed to spend some quality time with longtime friends and alums, **LISA HOUGH Hayes '83** and **ANN POTTER '81**. So grateful."

1986

Facebook page: Mary Baldwin College Class of 1986

1987

Facebook page: MBC Class of 1987

CARRIE ANDERSON Eisenburg reports that she has changed jobs, and she has been working at the University of Virginia's Curry School of Education for the past two years. She works as a voice-over artist in their mixed-reality virtual simulator.

1988

Send your class notes to: **SUSAN "CEA CEA" MUSSER** P. O. Box 2405 Griffin GA 30224 478-244-2300 sistersquirrel1988@gmail.com Facebook page: Mary Baldwin College Class of 1988

1991

MERRY WYATT reports she is happy to "catch-up" on my connections to my alma mater. Most notably, she received her graduate degree from Roosevelt University in Chicago in 1995 and PhD ABD from Walden University in Minneapolis in 2004. She has published two children's historical fiction illustrated books in a user-friendly, 24-page, soft-bound format via *Xlibris.com*. The titles

of her books are *William's Light Goes Out: A Story of Nags Head and Pirates* (2007) and *The Loves of Pocahontas* (2014), which was written "in honor of my only granddaughter, Clara Elizabeth Forrest, who loved Pocahontas stories, and was born in the same land (what is now upper Gloucester County, VA) just 400 years later. Sadly Clara died at age 12 just months before the 400th Historic Jamestown Commemoration in 2007, for which I had sewn Native American costumes for us to celebrate together." **JANYCE JONES** reports in 2016 she completed her PhD in holistic health and published a book based on her dissertation, *North Star Manifestation: The Relationship of the Seven Major Chakras to Spiritual Well-Being*. She writes, "The book was a recounting of my research on the quantum physics of spiritual well-being. The name of the book is *Experiencing Essence: The Emerging Hope of Our Times*. It is available under my pen name dr. j. lee jones. The journey continues!"

ANGELA PERRI reports her promotion to the UPMC executive leadership team as vice president, Business Alignment and Transformation, UPMC Health Plan. Congratulations!

1992

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MELISSA L. KELLEY and **NINA BAXLEY Rogers**
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janina.rogers@gmail.com
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ROSA HANNA SCOTT writes,
"Returning back to teaching camp in Montauk this summer."

1995

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1996

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1998

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1999

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2001

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2002

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2003

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Facebook page: MBC 2003

"I've been so blessed to spend some quality time with longtime friends and alums Lisa Hough Hayes '83 and Ann Potter '81."

—MARY SANTUCCI TIFFIN '84

WHY I GIVE

Susannah Hill DPT '17



When MBU's Murphy Deming College of Health Sciences started its physical therapy

program in 2014, Susannah Hill '17 knew it was the school for her. A native of Charlottesville, Hill had family members — a sister and an aunt — who attended MBU, and it was a legacy she wanted to be part of.

As a bonus, the physical therapy program was different from any of the others she considered.

"It was very focused on interprofessional development," she said. "The program combined students from physical therapy, occupational therapy, and physician assistant into one classroom, which is very rare among other health sciences schools. We learned to work together and how to develop a healthcare plan as a team to give the best care to a specific patient."

Today, Hill puts her Mary Baldwin education to work as a physical therapist (PT) at an outpatient clinic in Charlottesville. She sees patients of varying ages and diagnoses, something Hill claims is advantageous to a new PT. In her spare time, she likes to enjoy the outdoors with her husband, 1-year-old son, Jamison, and dog, Bo. When the faculty of the physical therapy program asked her if she was interested in representing Murphy Deming on the Mary Baldwin University Alumni Association Board of Directors, she jumped at the opportunity.

"I wanted to give back to a program that provided me with the opportunity to be a physical therapist," Hill said. "There are just so many passionate individuals on the board who want to see the school thrive, and it's so wonderful to be a part of that."

2004

Send your class notes to:

SARAH HATFIELD Nichols

Facebook pages: MBC Oh-Four! & Mary Baldwin College Class of 2004

JENIECE LEWIS Lusk and husband Trina announce the birth of their twins, Liam Langston Lusk and Sloane Riece Lusk on Nov. 5, 2018. The twins join older sister, Parker Joyce Lusk.

DONIELLE WEATHERHOLTZ-Palmer shared that Barrett Lee Palmer entered our world on Feb. 1, 2019, at 7 p.m.

2005

Send your class notes to:

BETH SOUTHARD

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Facebook page: 2015 Class of 2005 Reunion Group

MEI-LING FYE GUARINO reports that she has moved from Colorado back to Virginia for work, and will be in Manassas for the next several years.

2006

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2007

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2008

Facebook page: MBC Alumna 2008

2009

Facebook pages: MBC Class of 2009 & Class of 2009 (MBC Chapter)

2011

Send your class notes to:

MEG PITTS Tammelin and

SAMANTHA ENGSTLER Wilson

marybaldwin2011@gmail.com

Facebook page: Mary Baldwin College Class of 2011

SAMANTHA ENGSTLER Wilson reports that she and Ryan have been living in Oak Harbor, WA, since Nov., and they have been enjoying their time in the Pacific Northwest. Later this year, they will be moving down to Lemoore, CA, as Ryan received new orders with the U.S. Navy. Their daughter, Emilia, cannot wait for the CA weather.

2012

Send your class notes to:

CANDICE BLAZEJAK

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Facebook page: Mary Baldwin College Class of 2012

LESLIE GANN POPE reports "My son arrived May 31, 2019, at 12:57 p.m. at East Alabama Medical Center. He is 9 lb. 9 oz. and 21.5 in. long. He is a champ at breastfeeding and sleeping. His older sisters, Melody (4) and Addilynn (2) are so happy 'the storks' finally delivered him!"

HELENA BILLINGTON graduated with an AML 0-3 Certification at the end of July 2019. She recently started a Montessori integrative studies master's program.

CANDICE BLAZEJAK started a new position at the Library of Congress in Washington, D.C., in May 2019. She works within the Congressional Research Service division of the Knowledge Services Group as an information services technician. **MARY BRONSON** moved and is now residing in TN. **LISA CRAIG** moved to Norfolk in June 2019 to pursue her PsyD in clinical psychology. **AUTUMN HARPER Hector** welcomed Calliope Hector into the world on July 13, 2018. **KATHERINE "KATIE" HEINECK** received

"I received my doctorate in occupational therapy as a member of the charter class at Murphy Deming."

— KATIE HEINECK '12 OTD '17

her doctorate in occupational therapy as a member of the charter class at Murphy Deming. In January 2019, she moved back to the Shenandoah Valley and started practicing at Wolfe Speech Therapy Plus and she's loving every minute. **MEGAN SEAL Irving** married Steve Irving on April 27, 2019. **ALEX KELLY** graduated with a doctorate of veterinary medicine in May 2019 and returned to Staunton to work for an existing practice. **LEIGHANN KIMBLE** moved to Santiago, Chile, in February 2019 to work on her PhD in public health. **KRITTIKA KRISHNAN** married Jacob Gross on April 8, 2018. She graduated with her PhD in neuroscience in May 2018 and moved to Providence, RI, to work for CVS Health as a data scientist. Krittika and Jacob have a fur baby, a black cat named Gus. **MYKAEL OUTEN-Kurth** is pursuing a master of business administration and is set to graduate in May 2020. Her husband, Chris, is out of the army, and they now live in Richmond. She works at Bon Secours Mercy health as a compliance generalist. They bought a house in Midlothian in September 2017 and adopted a new fur baby, Luna, in January 2018. **KATIE CARPER Lamb** married Drew Lamb on June 4, 2016, and they welcomed their son, Jake, on Sept. 14, 2018. She graduated with her master's as a reading specialist in May 2019. **STEPHANIE MOREHEAD** is pursuing a master's in mental health counseling and substance abuse counseling at the University

of the Cumberlands. **CEARRA MECHEM Nocera** married Timothy Nocera on October 22, 2016. They welcomed their son on March 1, 2018. **KRISTEN REESE Solomon** graduated with her master of arts in executive leadership in May 2018 and is now pursuing her doctor of strategic leadership. She, Mike, and Reagan also welcomed their sweet Palmer to their family on December 8, 2018. **COURTNEY WAUGH** graduated with a MEd in 2016 from Old Dominion University, an EdS in educational leadership from Old Dominion University in 2019, and is currently working on her PhD in educational leadership. She also works for Virginia Beach City Public Schools teaching 1st grade.

2013

Facebook page: Mary Baldwin College Class of 2013

AUDREY WONG graduated in May 2017 with her master's in mechanical engineering. She is currently living in New Orleans, LA, and working in the Gulf of Mexico as an offshore production engineer.

2014

Facebook page: Mary Baldwin College Class of 2014

2015

Facebook page: Mary Baldwin College Class of 2015

LIZETTE NARANJO (bachelor of arts in marketing communication cum laude) has been promoted to marketing manager at Blitz, an award-winning architecture and design firm known for advancing the frontiers of office environments. Lizette's work plays a critical role in elevating Blitz's global design reach.

2016

Facebook page: Mary Baldwin College Class of 2016

ARRIVALS

DONIELLE WEATHERHOLTZ-Palmer '04: a son, Barrett Lee Palmer, February 1, 2019

RUTH SOUSA Faulkner '10: a daughter, Arya Rose Faulkner, October 16, 2018

AUTUMN HARPER Hector '12: Calliope Hector, July 13, 2018

KATIE CARPER Lamb '12 and Drew: a son, Jake, September 14, 2018

CEARRA MECHEM Nocera '12 and Timothy: a son, March 1, 2018

LESLIE GANN Pope '12 and Troy: a son, Austin James, May 31, 2019

MARRIAGES

MARGARET "MARGIE" BIVANS '10 to Nicholas Fogle Thurmont, MD, August 5, 2019

MEGAN SEAL Irving '12 to Steve Irving, April 27, 2019

KATIE CARPER Lamb '12 to Drew Lamb, June 4, 2016

CEARRA MECHEM Nocera '12 to Timothy Nocera, October 22, 2016

DEATHS

SAMYA ROSE STUMO, March 10, 2019

SARA FRANCES FERRELL SHAY '40, June 12, 2019

AGNES JOHNS SWEET '42, December 16, 2018

MILDRED FRANCES ROYCROFT TEER '44, February 16, 2019

BETTY COOKE WOOD '44, March 6, 2019

BETTY NEISLER TIMBERLAKE '45, June 17, 2019

MARY JANE WRIGHT BRYAN '47, date unknown

VIRGINIA GUTHRIE LINSKOTT '47, February 4, 2019

GERALDINE CANBY CARROLL '48, January 22, 2019

ELIZABETH "BETTY SUE" PATTON '48, February 18, 2015

MARY DUKE BLOUIN '49, September 5, 2019

VERA C. LUPO '49, April 20, 2019

JOY CHAPOTON RAMSEY '52, August 2019

MILDRED SHERIDAN GAILLARD '53, March 3, 2019

MARY JAMISON CLARKE '55, August 1, 2019

SUSANNAH PAGE SMITH HARTLEY '55, August 8, 2019

JOANNE DAWSON KIRKHAM '60, November 13, 2017

NANCY LOUISE ARMISTEAD '62, March 16, 2019

JACQUELINE K. HARDAGE '63, February 18, 2019

IRENE FERRABA M. KAUFMAN '63, April 1, 2019

SANDRA MCCONNELL NELSON '63, January 1, 2018

JAN DENNIS CLAYTON '64, August 15, 2019

MARY "BICKIE" MCCALLUM MCDONNELL '64, July 21, 2019

PENNY HUFF '66, April 20, 2019

JANE BATES HIPPS '67, February 6, 2019

JULIA ANDREWS Allen '72, August 3, 2019

SARAH STALLWORTH SEBRELL '73, June 21, 2019

SUSAN EBERLE HUDDY '74, May 6, 2018

SUSAN DUGAN WEINIG '76, May 2, 2019

BEVERLY BAKER THOMPSON '80, January 23, 2019

JANE SURR BURTON '84, May 18, 2019

PEGGY LYNNE KELLAM '88, May 6, 2019

ROBERTA "BOBBIE" RICHARDSON '91, April 24, 2019

JANET RUTH EUBANK BREHMER '92, July 20, 2019

CRAIG W. MAUPIN '12, August 7, 2019

OUR CONDOLENCES

to members of the Mary Baldwin community who lost loved ones

MARTHA "MARTY" CLINE CHAPLIN '51, on the passing of her loving husband, Harvey R. Chaplin Jr., August 10, 2019

CYNDI ENOCHS '81 on the passing of her son Andrew Kirby Dunn, February 3, 2019

MARY WILLIAMS HAGAN '88, on the passing of her father, W. Guy Williams Jr., March 14, 2019

JENNIFER DONAVANT SHIVELY '00, on the passing of her mother, Ardie Marlowe Donavant Prater Moore, February 2, 2019

BISI BARUWA-CASTRO '01 on the passing of her husband, Miguel Castro, March 4, 2019

Correction: In the Spring 2019 edition, the entry in the "Deaths" section should have read: PEGGY LOU WRIGHT '86, November 21, 2018.

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SHARED!

1. EMY MARTIN Halpert '65, MARY WHITTLE Chapman '65, KAY EARLY Dougherty '65, JAN HADDRELL Connors '65, SUE HOOK Smith '65, MEREDITH ROBERTSON Heinecke '65, PEGGY MALONE West '65, MARY GILLESPIE Amos '65, JUDY PAYNE Grey '65, JUNE EARLY Fraim '65, JUDY ROY Hoffman '65, JULIE WILLMAN Norman '65, and HELEN YOUNG HUTCHESON Massingill '65 (l-r, clockwise around the table) in Annapolis.
2. JAN HADDRELL Connors '65, MARY GILLESPIE Amos '65, ANN MEBANE Levine '65, MARSHALL WILKERSON Kress '65, and JUDY BRYANT Skinner '65 (l-r) at lunch at Mary's house.
3. (back row) LEE JOHNSTON Foster '75 , (front row, l-r) SUSAN BAUGHMAN Homar '74, BARBARA KNISELY Roberts '73, and LINDSAY RYLAND '73 on the Mary Baldwin campus.
4. JENIECE LEWIS Lusk '04 welcomed twins Liam Langston Lusk and Sloane Riece Lusk, pictured with older sister, Parker Joyce Lusk.
5. LISA SAUL '81 began her company EcoColors in 2000 with a commitment to nontoxic ingredients in hair colorants.
6. MARGARET GUNTER Riddle '65 and JAN HADDRELL Connors '65 (l-r) enjoying lunch at the Pisgah Inn on the Blue Ridge Parkway.
7. Members of the class of 1969 took a picture in front of Grafton Library at their 50th Reunion: (l-r) ELIZABETH "BUFF" HANES Thomas, JUDY GALLOWAY, ANN LEWIS Vaughn, SANDY MCLEOD Turner, and SHERRI MILLER Stephenson.



CLASS COLUMNS



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8. **ANN MEBANE Levine '65** and **JAN HADDRELL Connors '65** (l-r) enjoy the Atlanta Botanical Gardens.
9. **ANGELA PERRI '91** was promoted to the UPMC executive leadership team as vice president for Business Alignment and Transformation UPMC Health Plan.
10. **FRANCES WENTZ Taber '62**, daughter Elizabeth, and grandson Robert enjoy having their picture taken with former President Jimmy Carter and his wife, Rosalynn Carter.
11. **JUDY BRYANT Skinner '65** at the Sydney Botanical Gardens in Australia.
12. Plaque at the Mary Jane Conger Library honoring namesake **MARY JANE CONGER '73** for 40 years of volunteer service, including founding and building the church library.
13. Six members of the class of 1967 met at the Hypoluxo Island and Hobe Sound FL homes of **PATTI GOLDEN Towle** and **KAREN GRAHAM Harrison** to celebrate spring together: (l-r) **PATTI GOLDEN Towle**, **COURTENAY GREEN Mullen**, **KAREN GRAHAM Harrison**, **ANNE FLATHER Miles**, **ANNE DINGLEDINE Stribling**, and **FRANCES SISSON Hughes**.
14. **KAY EARLY Dougherty '65** and husband David, with Tom and **JUNE EARLY Fraim '65** (l-r) in Ireland.
15. **ELIZABETH "BETSY" BOGGS Freund '76** represented MBU at the Ferrum College Presidential Inauguration on Oct. 29, 2018.
16. Jay and **ELIZABETH BROWN McKell '65** with their new granddaughter, Lila. Note Elizabeth's Mary Baldwin shorts!
17. **LANAE HAWKINS '06**, **HARRIET BLACKWELL Johnson '06**, **VIRTRE STERLING Tiggie '06**, and **TIFFANI JEFFRIES '06** enjoyed lunch at Pentagon City in Feb. 2019.

CLASS COLUMNS

18. Children of **MEI-LING FYE Guarino '05**, Joanna and Jameson Guarino, who are all now happy residents of Manassas.
19. **LEE MCALLISTER Turner '69** gathered at the Outer Banks with her husband, Winn, sons Topher (married to Amy) and Andy (married to Lillian), and grandsons Jet, Will, and Colin.
20. **DIANE SRIGLEY Freund '74**, **SUSAN BAUGHMAN Homar '74**, **GIGI GARBER '74**, **DIANE WHITE Fechtel '74**, and **AURELIA CRAWFORD '74** (l-r) in Hunt Dining Hall.
21. **DONIELLE WEATHERHOLTZ-Palmer '04** welcomed baby boy Barrett Lee Palmer at 7 p.m. on Feb. 1, 2019.
22. **JANYCE JONES '91** wrote a book based on her dissertation *North Star Manifestation: The Relationship of the Seven Major Chakras to Spiritual Well-Being*.
23. **LESLIE GANN Pope '12** and husband Troy welcomed baby boy Austin James Pope on May 31, 2019.
24. *The Loves of Pocahontas* (2014) was written in honor of **MERRY WYATT's '91** only granddaughter, Clara Elizabeth Forrest, who loved Pocahontas stories.
25. **CORRIE SMITH Sargeant '69** at her wedding in 1969 to husband Rowell.



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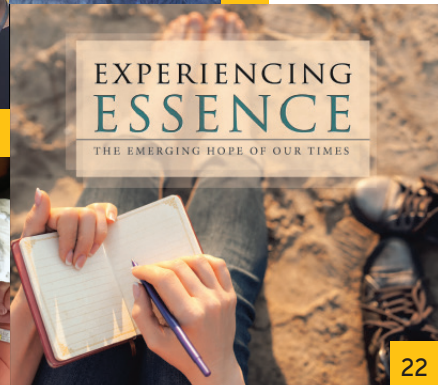
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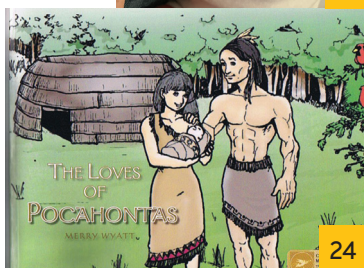
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HEALTH HUMANITARIAN

Tiffany Hamm '89 works to combat HIV internationally, improve individual lives

Seeing progress. Moving from before to after. It's an extraordinary thing to witness first-hand how a crisis has radically improved. Especially when you have had a hand in the solution.



Tiffany Hamm '89 serves as the senior technical director of the International HIV Prevention and Treatment program at the Henry M. Jackson Foundation, which works closely with the U.S. Military HIV Research Program at the Walter Reed Army Institute of Research. Her program supports more than 350,000 HIV-positive patients

on antiretroviral treatment in more than 1,000 facilities throughout Uganda, Kenya, Nigeria, and Tanzania.

It's a challenging prospect to continue to make headway against a still incurable and often stigmatized disease damaging communities on the other side of the world. Frequent travel makes a personal life difficult. Administrative and logistical hurdles can be exhausting. Reconnecting to purpose is often mired in paperwork.

But Hamm keeps her focus on the lives of individuals with HIV, and there's one before-and-after story that encapsulates why she is dedicated to her work.

Let's start with the before. In 2003, Hamm traveled to Kericho, Kenya, and visited a local partner organization, called Live with Hope, with which her program was considering partnering. It had been founded by three Catholic nuns, one from Ireland, one from Scotland, and one from Nigeria, to assist people who had been diagnosed as HIV positive. She went to a support group and saw that the 10 or so attendees were scared, mostly older, and looked very emaciated.

"All they talked about was how they were preparing for death. How to get things ready; what their options were for hospice services; how to prepare for when they couldn't get out of their houses; and trying to provide support for each other," Hamm said.

Now fast forward three or four years. Hamm was back in Kericho, and she returned with one of the nuns to a Live with Hope support group. There were about 35 people of all different ages, and they

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Above: Tiffany Hamm '89 (middle) recently conducted a site visit in Songwe, Tanzania, reviewing challenges and successes in the areas of case finding, patient retention, and viral suppression. She's pictured with members of the Henry M. Jackson Foundation's Medical Research International in-country team, the Songwe regional medical officer, and staff from the Vwawa Designated Regional Referral Hospital.

looked healthy and happy. They all got up, one after another, to give testimonials about the positive changes in their lives after they started antiretroviral treatment.

"They spoke about what they were able to do, and how they were planning for educational opportunities and thinking about how to better their lives," Hamm said. "And while they were talking, I just started crying, and I couldn't stop. I asked the sister to translate for me, and to say that I was crying not because I was sad, but because I was so happy to see how their lives had turned around.

"It wasn't this death sentence anymore. To hear them talk really affirmed what I was doing and why I was doing it. It's the ultimate impact you can have: extending someone's life and improving the quality of that life."

The road that led Hamm to nonprofit and government-funded work on behalf of HIV-positive patients started after she had earned her doctorate in microbiology at the University of Virginia, where she had specialized in HIV replication and RNA transport. Instead of continuing to a post-doctoral experience, she decided to join the Peace Corps where she taught secondary school in the Solomon Islands and then worked on women's social causes in the Kingdom of Tonga.

"What I came to appreciate was the little effects you could have on the lives of individuals when you're working with them to help empower them in improving their own lives. I suppose I could have learned that anywhere, but I learned it in the Peace Corps."

The confidence Hamm found to change the course of her life began during her time as an undergraduate at Mary Baldwin, especially through interactions with her advisor, the late Professor of Biochemistry Margaret "Peggy" Pinkston, who reminded her that it was all right not to "have it all, all at once."

"I went to graduate school, and then I decided to do something completely different," she said. "In the biomedical sciences research community, deciding to go into the Peace Corps was a really bizarre thing to do, but I felt empowered by my understanding of the broader world through my liberal arts education at Mary Baldwin, and what Prof. Pinkston told me: don't worry, women can have it all, just don't think you

have to have it all at one time. Everything will be there when you want it. That was exactly the way she lived her life, and she helped teach me that I have the option to do the same."

After her time in the Peace Corps, Hamm identified the right combination for her career. Her two interests — international humanitarian work and HIV research — came together, and since 2003 she has been instrumental in combating the global pandemic at both the Henry M. Jackson Foundation and at the Department of International HIV Prevention, Care, and

Treatment at Walter Reed Army Institute of Research.

In her current role, she provides direct technical support and input to the government to ensure that HIV treatment and prevention programs are of the highest quality and meet the metrics set by the State Department's Office of the U.S. Global AIDS Coordinator.

Looking back on the course of her career since Mary Baldwin, Hamm places the most value, not on specific knowledge, but on learning how to address problems. The ability to use different approaches, taken from a broad range of disciplines and subject matters, is key.

"Skills hold the most value, not necessarily what you absolutely know. You can always learn a new subject or field. But making sure you develop skills in problem-solving and challenge identification and remediation is what's most important. And then those can transfer wherever you go."

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