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Joe Davenport III '69 and his son, Ward '01, are fully invested in their hometown of Chattanooga





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Photo by Kevin Remington

Cover: Ward '01 and Joe Davenport '69
Photo by Doug Strickland

SPEAK

REMEMBERING DICKENS

The obit for Professor David Dickens mentioned his personal collection of international flags. That collection had a direct effect on me in the fall semester of my junior year.

I was a double major in French and German, and Professor Dickens was one of my German teachers. He lived in the faculty apartments on Nelson Street across from where I lived. He flew one of his flags on each country's national day from a pole in front of his apartment.

In the fall of 1967, my apartment mates and I threw an open party to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the Russian Revolution. I borrowed the Soviet flag from Professor Dickens and hung it out my second-story bedroom window. The party was a huge success; W&L people talked about it for weeks afterward, but the flag got me in real trouble with Maj. Kaufman in the ROTC.

A student reported that I was displaying a Viet Cong flag and, after calling the police first and getting no action, he contacted the ROTC. Maj. Kaufman called me into his office and grilled me about my politics and my dad's background. (My father, Eugene Kramer '40, was a diplomat at the U.S. Embassy in Bonn, West Germany.)

After that, I couldn't do anything right in his class for the rest of my time in Lexington. However, I ended up a military intelligence officer and served in the Army for nearly five years before separating from the service as a captain. Professor Dickens knew all this; I wonder if Maj. Kaufman did?

RICHARD KRAMER '69

RUNNERS HIGH

Your "On the Run" article [Winter/Spring 2019] gave me the nerve to tell you about a recent achievement. On June 2, I completed my seventh Traralgon Marathon — Australia's oldest marathon. It was my 24th career marathon, and, as is to be expected, it was considerably slower than past marathons — seems that ageing does have an impact. Running has helped me deal with stress

during my four decades of teaching high school. And in retirement, it still helps keep me mentally and physically healthy. I'm pleased to read about other W&L alumni who have discovered the value of running. Great article. I thoroughly enjoy your magazine.

BILL WIGLESWORTH '70

CAMPUS CHANGES

Washington and Lee thrives because new generations of young people are attracted to its living traditions, not the headstones of dead generals. They are inspired by a rich cultural and educational community where unique collegial bonds have always existed between faculty and students; where the integrity of individuals remains strong to foster an Honor System that allows a course of living that is regrettably rare; where civility allows diversity without discord. There are more. These are living traditions that have meaning and endurance beyond the veneration of the dead.

W&L has never been quick to change, but those changes have been thoughtful and have enhanced its stature and value. In my part, I point to my own experience as a kid from New Jersey in 1968. The university was on the cusp of change. My class was the first to take a timid step into integration and coeducation was hotly disputed. Years later, it occurred. Sometime later, a commitment to economic and other diversity was made and continues. I applaud all these changes.

GLENN AZUMA '72

You published several letters in the Winter/Spring 2019 issue from alumni who bemoan the name changes of Robinson Hall and Lee-Jackson House. Each graduate cited tradition and history in his arguments against these timely and important updates to our beloved campus.

I couldn't help but notice each author graduated when W&L was all white and all male. The school survived — in fact, it thrived — after ending those traditions. I know it will do the same as it honors Pamela Simpson and John Chavis.

JACOB GEIGER '09



MAIL CALL

In 1999, my brother-in-law mailed [this 250th anniversary postcard] to me from Greensboro, North Carolina, and it traveled around the world to arrive three weeks later from Bangkok, Thailand.

COLIN CAMPBELL '57, '59L

CORRECTIONS

In the 2019 Winter/Spring issue, the caption for Chapter Corner (pg. 32) incorrectly identified the location as San Diego. The event took place in San Antonio.

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Columns

NOTEWORTHY NEWS AND IDEAS



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POMP & CIRCUMSTANCE: CLASS OF 2019

“Our mission statement has a beautifully simple logic. The first sentence stresses the investment W&L makes in you. We provide a liberal arts education that develops your intellect and character. The second sentence stresses what is now expected of you. You have been prepared to learn, to lead and to serve. You may not have studied leadership or citizenship. But if we have done

our jobs, and you have done yours, you are ready to make significant contributions wherever you go, for the benefit of yourselves and your families, but also for the benefit of those less fortunate and the communities in which you live. By investing in you, W&L has made a long-term investment in the public good.”

~ *President Will Dudley*

THE STATS

- 421 students, representing 38 states and 17 other countries
- 2 valedictorians: Kalady Osowski '19 (art history and math double major, minor in Middle East/South Asia

studies) and Lauren Pupa '19 (chemistry major)

- 8 Fulbrights
- 6 other post-graduate fellowships
- Algernon Sydney Sullivan Award: MaKayla Lorick '19 and Jackson Roberts '19 (selected by the faculty as individuals who best demonstrate high ideals of living, spiritual qualities and generous service to others)
- Ted DeLaney Jr. '85, honorary degree recipient

Read the recap at go.wlu.edu/2019commencement

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DIGITAL HUMANITIES

Michelle Brock, associate professor of history, received a National Endowment for the Humanities grant for her project, Mapping the Scottish Reformation, to develop a database and mapping tool that explores the lives, movements and networks of the Scottish clergy between 1560 and 1689.

3. FIRST BITE

Entomeal won the grand prize at W&L's annual Business Plan Competition for its business model that promises to produce sustainable, insect-based fish feed. Team members Thomas Freeland '19, Michael Beal '19, Michael Kerr '19, Maggie Nolan '19 and Tommy Winfield '19 took home \$4,000. The panel of judges included Lang Craighill '76, Mary Drennen '02, Bebe Goodrich '07, Tim Lavelle '79, Rhett McCraw '07 and Reid Thompson '04.



4. THE POWER OF CHANGE

The W&L Village PowerDown Challenge called for students to reduce electricity consumption for a month. The residents of one apartment managed to reduce their energy consumption by a whopping 81%. Read how they did it at go.wlu.edu/powerdown.

5. HISTORIC FIRST

Carrie Finch-Smith became the first woman in W&L's history to be promoted to full professor in the math department.

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TRASH TALK

W&L served hundreds of people on Cannan Green over Spring Term and only sent 6½ bags of trash to the landfill. Here's the breakdown:

ADMITTED STUDENTS DAY LUNCH 3/29

- 120 lbs of food waste/compostables
- 1 bag of recyclables
- 1 bag of trash

ADMITTED STUDENTS DAY BREAKFAST & LUNCH 4/22

- 300 lbs of food waste/compostables
- 2 bags of recyclables
- 1 bag of trash

ALUMNI REUNION LUNCH 5/3

- 216 lbs of food waste/compostables
- 3 bags recyclables
- 1/2 bag of trash

ALUMNI REUNION LUNCH 5/4

- 263 lbs of food waste/compostables
- 3 bags recyclables
- 2 bags trash

LAW GRADUATION LUNCH 5/10

- 305 lbs of food waste/compostables
- 3 bags recyclables
- 2 bags trash



Learn more at wlu.edu/sustainability

7. HAPPY RETIREMENT

Roger Dean, professor of business administration | Ted DeLaney Jr. '85, professor of history | Françoise Fregnac-Clave, professor of French | Richard Marks, professor of religion | Mike Smitka, professor of economics | Lyman Johnson, professor of law

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THE PLAY'S THE THING

W&L is a charter member of American Shakespeare Center's New Academic Leadership Consortium. The partnership will bring the company's national tour and on-site workshops to campus.

A Sense of Place



Lynn Rainville

“OUR SENSE OF PLACE in the present comes from stories about past lives and events that give us context today,” said Lynn Rainville, W&L’s new director of Institutional History. “Everyone at W&L has their attachment to the university, and, if you ask them to explain it, they would probably talk about a particular space that is important to them — the Colonnade, a classroom, the Law School Lawn. This is local history. All these spaces have history, and of course everyone here is part of the ongoing legacy and creation of W&L’s history.”

“I study ordinary Virginians doing extraordinary things.”

As director of Institutional History, Rainville will lead the process of envisioning and developing a museum to explore the university’s history

and its many connections to American history and to create dynamic educational programming for the campus community and the public. Reporting to President Will Dudley as part of his administrative cabinet, she will manage the assets, facilities, resources, staffing and planning associated with the university’s historic galleries and the University Collection of Art and History (UCAH). She will also collaborate with faculty, scholars and the UCAH staff to support curricular development, research projects and exhibitions.

“I am pleased to find an accomplished scholar who is so well-suited for the scope and complexity of this work,” said Dudley. “As the ninth-oldest

institution of higher education in the country, W&L has 270 years of rich history to explore. Lynn’s wide-ranging curiosity, expertise in Virginia history and infectious enthusiasm for her work, as well as her commitment to creatively involving students, faculty, alumni and the public, open up an exciting array of possibilities for taking full advantage of the educational potential of our campus.”

Rainville is a public historian and anthropologist with a B.A. in anthropology and history from Dartmouth College and an M.A. and Ph.D. in anthropology and archaeology from the University of Michigan. Most recently, she was community initiatives fellow at the University of Virginia’s Institute for Advanced Technology in the Humanities and former dean of Sweet Briar College.

Over the course of her career, she has focused on the Commonwealth’s history, including African American cemeteries, descendants of enslaved communities, town poor farms and Virginia’s role in the Great War.

“I study ordinary Virginians doing extraordinary things,” she said. “The common theme throughout my work is to find the untold story; that will be my primary role at W&L, building on the generations of researchers who have tackled these topics before me. W&L has a unique series of attributes, places, spaces, history and people. We still have so much to learn about our institutional history, including our namesakes. In many ways this position is the culmination of my work to date: the chance

to combine three decades of historic research, museum programming, public history and partnerships with local communities and national foundations.”

While she will have many projects on her plate, Rainville’s early priorities include creating a comprehensive walking tour of the campus, as well as a robust web presence on the university’s history.

“I am looking forward to spending time in W&L’s archives, exploring its historic buildings and landscapes and joining with members of the community to learn more about the transformation of a Shenandoah Valley academy into a nationally recognized university.”

PUBLICATIONS:

“Invisible Founders: How Two Centuries of African American Families Transformed a Plantation into a College” (Berghahn Press, 2019)

“Virginia and the Great War: Mobilization, Supply and Combat, 1914-1919” (McFarland Press, 2018)

“Sweet Briar College” (Campus History Series, Arcadia Publishing, 2015), with Lisa N. Johnston

“Hidden History: African American Cemeteries in Central Virginia” (University of Virginia Press, 2014)

“Investigating Upper Mesopotamian Households using Micro-Archaeological Techniques” (British Archaeological Reports International Series, 2005)

NOW HEAR THIS

“IT ONLY TOOK THREE GENERATIONS AND A SKIRT TO GRADUATE WITH HONORS.”

Amanda Keegan '94, 25th Reunion Calyx, recalling what her grandfather Lawrence E. Carson '40 said at her graduation.

“Liberal arts education cannot possibly prepare you in advance for everything you will encounter, but it makes you the kind of person who responds well to encounters for which you are not prepared. That ability, more than anything else, enhances your prospects for a lifetime of learning, achievement, leadership, service and citizenship.”

President Will Dudley,
2019 Commencement address.

“W&L understands permanence and change. It understands the importance of being faithful to old ideals while being open to the new. It is an institution confident in its character and purpose.”

Jim Farrar '74, 2019 Alumni Reunion Weekend, Opening Assembly, keynote speaker, May 2.

“The Why we teach doesn’t change. The What [we teach] changes a lot more than you might imagine. It changes within fields and without. We have so many relatively new interdisciplinary programs at W&L: Women’s, Gender and Sexuality Studies; Environmental Studies; Africana Studies; the Shepherd Program; Digital Science; and, soon, Data Studies. It is the What that changes as we begin to acknowledge that it is at the intersection [of disciplines] where some of the most interesting knowledge production is happening. If the What didn’t change, it would mean that we were ignoring the wider world.”

Paul Youngman '87, associate provost and the Harry E. and Mary Jayne W. Redenbaugh Professor of German, inaugural lecture, “Why I Teach.” Watch the video at go.wlu.edu/paul_youngman.

“As you celebrate and think back on these days, I hope that you’ll embrace the successes and the struggles that made us the people that we are in this very moment. I also hope that in the coming months, as we spread out across the country and the globe, that you’ll remember all that you learned here at W&L and consider the impact you’ve made here.”

Elizabeth Mugo '19, E.C. president,
2019 Commencement address.

IN THE LEAD

Putting Down Roots

The Algernon Sydney Sullivan award-winner appreciates all the communities he's lived, worked and served in.



Jackson Roberts '19

Serving the communities within which I live has been a central aspect of my identity throughout my life. In my opinion, there is truly no better way to put down one's roots in a place and understand the local culture and environment than to serve alongside that community's residents. As a result, I aimed to continue to enmesh myself in service while at W&L.

As a student here, I have had the opportunity to serve in both domestic and international communities. I have worked with the Red Cross, Volunteer Venture

pre-orientation service trips and interned at international nonprofits, as well as intermittently working with a number of organizations in Rockbridge County. Establishing connections with the clients I serve is absolutely my favorite part of working in the community, as these connections provide significant insight into the problems the vulnerable populations with which I work face.

Through serving different communities, I feel that I better understand the social whole of which we are all a part and gain

both guidance and motivation for my own socially oriented career.

One of W&L's chief aims for its students is to prepare them to undertake a life as citizens in a global and diverse society, and I believe that community service, in whichever form that may take, provides one of the most profound ways to establish a connection with that global society. I firmly believe that my experiences serving locally and internationally while at W&L will continue to inform my professional and civic life indefinitely.

SALUTE



Stephanie Wolfe '99



Ted Delaney '85



GOOD HUMOR, FRIENDLINESS AND KINDNESS: TED DELANEY '85

Professor Ted DeLaney, through his incomparable good character, the sterling quality of his teaching and his unwavering commitment to W&L, represents the best qualities and ideals that W&L has cultivated and fostered in its students and alumni and continues to strive for as the university navigates its way through yet another period of change.

In the more than 20 years I have known Ted, I have been privileged to have been his student, advisee and friend. I met

Ted during the summer of 1994 when I arrived in Lexington to participate in the Law and Society curriculum of Washington and Lee's four-week Summer Scholars program for rising high school seniors. At the end of those four weeks – and in large part due to Ted's wonderful instruction and guidance and inspired by his love for the university and Lexington – I had my heart set on returning to Washington and Lee as a first-year student.

I was delighted when I found out that Ted would be joining the W&L faculty in 1995 at the same time I would begin my college career, and it was an incredible stroke of good luck to start my four years as Ted's advisee. Ted took me

under his wing, as he does with so many of the students who are fortunate enough to set foot on our beautiful campus. I can recall many an instance where he went above and beyond the call of duty – attending choral performances, running interference for me when I had a problem, cheering me on through many academic challenges and serving as a sounding board for myriad questions and concerns that arose during my four years. With the benefit of his good humor, friendliness and kindness, I never felt alone as a student.

For all the many kindnesses Ted has shown me over the years, I know he goes the extra mile for countless other

students, colleagues and friends. Ted is extraordinarily generous with his time and wisdom, and I, along with legions of other alumni, am a better human being because of his caring and concern. Indeed, his engagement with the university community is a driving factor in my own efforts to remain an engaged alumna, and my service to the university can be directly traced back to the example Ted set when I was a student.

Stephanie R. Wolfe '99 is an attorney with Riker Danzig and currently serves as president of the W&L Alumni Board.

ASK PRESIDENT DUDLEY



Q. What Makes W&L a Strong Community?



Washington and Lee is distinguished by the strength and quality of our community. The talent, character and dedication of our

students, faculty, staff and alumni are the driving force of the university.

This does not happen by accident. W&L recruits capable, honorable people who are committed to being part of this community. We welcome our newcomers warmly and introduce them to the core values that are central to sustaining a mutually supportive atmosphere.

Each student, in pledging to uphold the honor system, takes personal responsibility for being worthy of the community's trust. Our faculty are devoted teachers who take a personal interest in the lives of their students. Our staff take pride in their contributions to the success of the university.

W&L alumni are extraordinarily devoted to each other and to their alma mater.

The Washington and Lee community is united across many generations by a love of this special place and a commitment to its educational mission. Alumni contribute in countless ways — interviewing candidates for admission, mentoring students, hiring interns and graduates, serving as members of the Alumni Board and as trustees, and providing critical financial support. Such lifelong engagement with the university reinforces the powerful sense of shared attachment to W&L.

I consider myself extremely fortunate to be a member of the Washington and Lee community. Its benefits and joys are evident every day, and I am proud to work together with our students, faculty, staff and alumni on behalf of its continued strength.

WHAT'S YOUR W&L IQ?

HOME SWEET HOME

Until 2016, only first-years and sophomores were required to live on campus, which meant many lived either in Lexington or Rockbridge County. See if you can figure out some of the more well-known student houses from these clues.

1. Built in 1934 by George Tolley, who ran a dairy farm. Legend has it he made the world's best chocolate milk.
2. At one point the house, built in 1896, went through eight different owners in fewer than eight years.
3. Prefabricated buildings built in the 40s and 50s that housed students in the special services, married students and even faculty members.
4. In December 1999, the Ring-tum Phi named this house the best-decorated one on Randolph Street.
5. Until 1925, fraternities met in university classrooms until these structures were built.
6. Bonus question: Which dorm was the first to have a coed hall?



ANSWERS

1. Windfall/Winfall on Greenhouse Rd. Initially named Winfall. No one seems to know when the D was added.
2. Munster House, aka Paxton House and Shipp House. Located right across from the post office.
3. Quonset Huts. Located on Nelson Street and just west of campus across the street from Waddell Elementary, they remained in use through the '80s.
4. Otterville. "Backporch Balderdash," a column by Michael Crittenden '01, praised the house for its holiday cheer. He noted that the crazy amount of candy canes, a tree on the roof, the toy soldiers and 5,000 lights could be seen from the Colonnade.
5. Red Square, occupying space on Main St., Henry St. and Jackson Ave.
6. Davis Hall, now home to W&L's ITS department. Morgan Harris '09 and Katt Corr '09 led the push for change.

DUBYUHNELL DAY

WILL BOLTON '20

Meet the new E.C. president, ROTC cadet, Kathekon member and Maryland State Chair for Mock Con 2020.

BY LOUISE UFFELMAN • PHOTO BY KEVIN REMINGTON



Will Bolton '20 (center) at the Spring Term Festival.

WHY W&L?

I thought I was going to William & Mary, but after I got the offer from W&L, my mom and I drove down to see what I had gotten myself into. It seemed like a better fit for me. It was small, had a fantastic liberal arts program and was in a part of the country I love, the Shenandoah Valley.

RUNNING THE E.C.

I think this year is going to go well because I have incredibly talented class reps and a fantastic secretary and vice president — that makes my life a lot easier. There are a few projects I'm really excited about. The E.C. Committee on Inclusion is working with University Housing on streamlining the third-year housing

process. We're also revising the White Book — simplifying the language on procedural issues — to make it more accessible to students. And our Committee on Education will work on outreach programming to faculty and students on ways we uphold the Honor System. It's important for the entire community to see how we do our job and that we do it well. My main goal is to uphold the Honor System to the best of my ability. As long as there's no catastrophic failures on that end, I'll be pretty content.

MENTOR

Mason Grist '18 was my pre-orientation trip leader, and he became my go-to person. He was taking some of the classes I was interested in and knew all about the professors. He really was my mentor, and it's kind

of funny that I'm unintentionally following in his footsteps as E.C. president.

ACADEMICS

I'm a politics and economics double major, and after graduation I'll be commissioned as a 2nd Lt. My favorite class at W&L was a seminar on James Madison taught by Professor Bill Connelly, followed closely by a class on Tocqueville (also Connelly) and another on Race and Equality taught by Professor Lucas Morel.

KATHEKON

One of the best parts of Kathekon is getting to know the alumni base. We were involved with the Five-Star Reunion soon after I joined, and it was really cool to

meet those guys and hear about their student days. Last year's reunion was the class that had graduated into the Vietnam War, and they talked to us about their experiences and gave us advice on how to deal with graduating into turbulent times.

FEELS LIKE HOME

When I was first on campus, I felt the normal nerves that most first-years feel. But now there's no one's door I couldn't go knock on to ask for help. There's no one I couldn't sit down next to and have a meal with. The transition from brand-new place to feeling like home happens pretty quickly at W&L. I think we do it better than most.

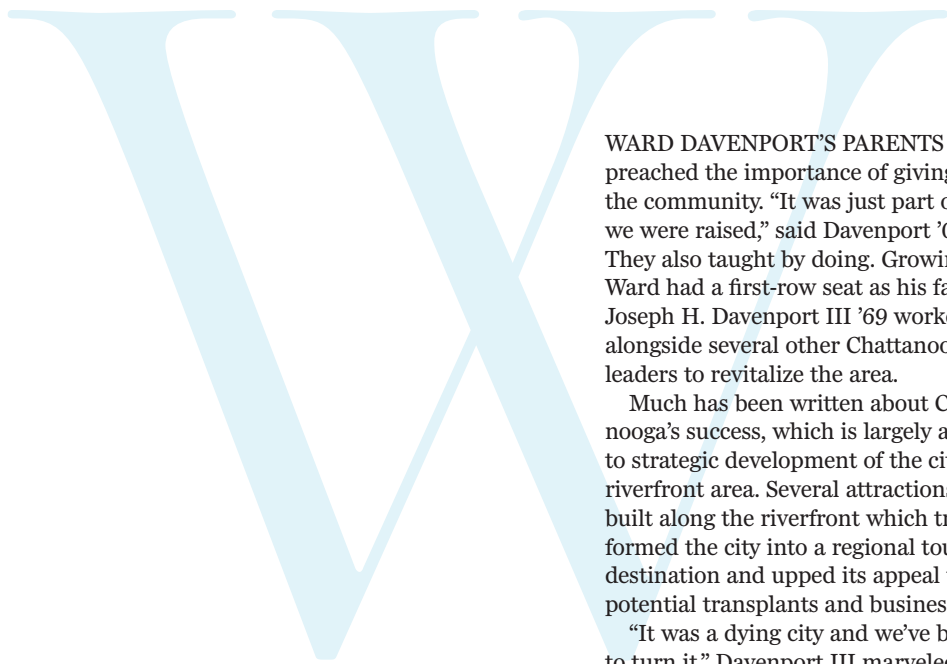




Our Town

The Davenport family, including Ward '01 and his father, Joe '69, have championed Chattanooga's cultural, educational and philanthropic institutions.

BY BETH JOACK



“Today, Chattanooga is a model of how you could take an old rundown industrial town and in 30 years really make it a very cool place where young people want to come live.”

Joe Davenport III '69

WARD DAVENPORT'S PARENTS always preached the importance of giving back to the community. “It was just part of the way we were raised,” said Davenport '01. They also taught by doing. Growing up, Ward had a first-row seat as his father Joseph H. Davenport III '69 worked alongside several other Chattanooga leaders to revitalize the area.

Much has been written about Chattanooga's success, which is largely attributed to strategic development of the city's riverfront area. Several attractions were built along the riverfront which transformed the city into a regional tourism destination and upped its appeal to potential transplants and businesses.

“It was a dying city and we've been able to turn it,” Davenport III marveled. “Today, Chattanooga is a model of how you could take an old rundown industrial town and in 30 years really make it a very cool place where young people want to come live.”

After graduating from W&L, Davenport III built an impressive business career, first as a Coca-Cola bottling executive and later as co-founder of Pointer Management, which he describes as a “hedge fund of funds.” No matter how busy he got, though, he always managed to carve out time in his schedule to work for the greater good.

Organizations outside of Tennessee have certainly benefitted from Davenport III's philanthropy, including W&L. He served as a trustee at Washington and Lee from 1999 to 2008 and is listed on W&L's Benefactor's Wall for his generous financial support of his alma mater. Still, the bulk of his charitable efforts have been geared toward helping those in his home town. “He's made a tremendous impact on Chattanooga long term,” said his son.

While Davenport III contributed time

and money to a number of Chattanooga's charitable organizations, he concentrated his efforts on three cultural organizations: the Hunter Museum of American Art, the Tennessee Aquarium and the Creative Discovery Museum, all located near the Riverwalk.

Those attractions, he believes, helped to woo Volkswagen executives who selected the city as the home of a new manufacturing site in 2008. “There's no doubt that the cultural amenities in Chattanooga had a lot to do with it,” Davenport III said.

Davenport III was inspired to do good by his father Joseph H. Davenport Jr., known to some as Big Daddy. Davenport Jr. ran the family business Davenport Hosiery Mills, which was sold in the early 1960s. He's remembered less for his business success, though, than for being a tireless servant to the community who led a number of successful fundraising campaigns.

“The legend about my father was when you saw him coming, you knew to grab your wallet because he was going to ask you for money,” Davenport III said.

A New Age

Around 2009, Davenport III backed off from leading campaigns and serving on boards in favor of hunting, fishing and playing golf.

“I give money away, but I don't ask for money anymore,” said Davenport III, who at age 72 describes himself as being fully retired. “That's it. I did my duty.”

Now, it's on the younger generation to help ensure Chattanooga's renaissance continues.

Ward Davenport is quick to mention that he didn't inherit his philanthropic nature solely from his paternal line. His mother Susan, who died in 2002, served as presi-

dent of numerous organizations which benefitted women and children in the city. “The combination of the two of them directly influenced me,” Ward Davenport said.

Today, Davenport juggles his career as managing director at Pointer Management with raising three children with his wife, Ashley, and serving on a number of community boards.

Keith Sanford '80 left a career as a Chattanooga bank executive three years ago to become the president and CEO of the Tennessee Aquarium. As someone with his own long resume of community service, Sanford has observed the Davenports' community efforts for years. “It's huge what the family has done particularly in the non-profit world around Chattanooga,” he said.

Today, Sanford works directly with Ward Davenport who has served on the aquarium's board of trustees for the last seven years and is currently chair.

Together, the two oversaw the 2016 opening of the organization's \$5 million Conservation Institute on the banks of the Tennessee River. At the facility, scientists work on restoring the region's natural ecosystems, while also teaching the public about the environment. “Before they were operating their conservation and education efforts out of a warehouse,” Davenport '01 explained. “This gave it a proper home.”

Davenport, who majored in economics at W&L, can also frequently be found at Chattanooga Preparatory School, a new, all-boys, public charter school that opened in September to serve kids living in poverty. He signed up to mentor one of the school's sixth-grade students and will work with that child until he graduates from high school. He even chauffeurs his mentee to and from school.



PHOTO BY DOUG STRICKLAND

Ward Davenport '01 (left) with his father, Joe '69.

“You essentially, for lack of a better term, adopt the family,” Davenport explained. “He's got two younger sisters who are both first-graders, and my first-grade daughter plays with them. We take them out to dinner. My wife has helped take care of the kids. It's a pretty constant commitment.”

Chattanooga Prep also invited Davenport to sit on its board. Having a prominent executive like him in this role lends the organization credibility, said Brad Scott, head of the lower school. “It shows we have the community behind us.”

Davenport and his wife also spent several years helping to raise \$60 million to build new facilities for the Children's Hospital at Erlanger. The first phase of that campaign, The Kennedy Outpatient Center, opened in December. “It's just about making the city a better place for my children, and for those to come,” Davenport said.

Does he expect his three kids, who are ages 7, 9 and 12, to follow in the family's philanthropic footsteps?

“My wife and I try to instill that in them, that they need to give back. I hope they do.”



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Breaking Down Barriers:



John X. Miller '77, '80L attended the 2019 Black Reunion Weekend in March and talked with attendees about their experiences at W&L, past and present. Here's what's on their minds, along with his own observations.

Miller is senior editor for news and commentary for ESPN's "The Undeclared."

FORTY-PLUS YEARS AFTER GRADUATING from Washington and Lee, I'm proud of what has become of one of America's top universities. Yes, that's the university that sold slaves in 1836 to sustain Washington College, as it was facing dire financial circumstances, and now is confronting issues around Robert E. Lee's legacy.

In the fall of 1973, when I matriculated at Washington and Lee, I was one of 12 black men in the class of 1977. W&L had only allowed black students to attend as undergraduates in 1968. Walter Blake and Carl Linwood Smothers broke that barrier.

Our daily lives were fraught with anxiety, racial tension and rigorous academics. A longtime c-school professor made it clear to me and other black students not to expect a grade higher than a C because we were incapable of keeping up and grasping the work. Yet, the bonds of brotherhood among the men of SABU, and others who supported black students, made my W&L days a great experience.

One of my main motivations to attend W&L was to see how power, privilege, money and influence were wielded by whites in America. And what better place than where rich, white families sent their sons to be educated? The admission of women changed the gender exclusivity, but not some of the other constants.

Jamila Seaton '09, years after the black men of my era made it through Lexington, said it

was the support of the undergraduate and law school community of black students and Dean Tammy Futrell that got her through.

"I was a social butterfly, but I constantly felt isolated while at school. Yet, I always felt like I had the resources on campus to overcome my obstacles. My closest friends on campus were always there to help, and a few new friends at schools in surrounding cities became outlets for me. I believe the relationships with all of these resources kept me afloat — barely, but afloat."

So, given that, I think the university has made definitive progress in recognizing the glorious and inglorious past of Lee and, more broadly, the South, prompted by tragic events in Charlottesville in August 2017.

One example is the Commission on Institutional History and Community, charged "to lead us in an examination of how our history — and the ways that we teach, discuss, and represent it — shapes our community." That commission included Elizabeth Mugo '19, the first black female student elected Executive Committee president.

While on campus for Black Reunion Weekend, I talked with many of the 65 people who attended. I spoke with current undergraduate students, recent grads and, of course, alumni from my days in Lexington. Almost to a person, they were encouraged by what they had seen and heard but were skeptical if the progress was sustainable.

The most notable indications of progress



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Reflections on Race Relations at W&L

are the addition of Lena Hill, dean of the College, and the new Office of Inclusion and Engagement, headed by longtime dean Tammy Futrell.

Previous efforts to diversify the university and sustain those efforts have not been consistent. Yet, it seems with President Will Dudley that the university is committed to maintaining the excellence in instruction and providing opportunity for all students.

The increased diversity of faculty and students builds on the excellence of the university's past without compromising its illustrious history. We should not try to romanticize history; let's be truthful about the past and mindful of a future that represents an ever-changing American landscape.

J'ontae Smith '19 from Williamsburg said he transferred to W&L from William & Mary because he wanted a more rigorous academic challenge as a Romance Languages major. He intends to go to law school.

"I stayed because of the black community," said Smith. "I feel like it's strong, even though we're small in numbers. I feel like it's a real mighty community."

Smith said the strength of W&L is in the personal relationships you build with faculty — especially black faculty — as well as the other minorities on campus.

"I feel like this is corporate America that we're looking at. So, to not attend the school and decide to drop out for that reason (lack of minority students), I feel it's self-defeating. I

think you have to learn how to navigate it in order to be successful in the future," he added.

One of those Generals from my era, Anthony Perry, a football and track teammate of mine, returned to W&L for the first time since we graduated in 1977. Though his days were littered with disappointments and cruelty, he did become in 1976 W&L's first black All-American athlete as a tight end on the football team. He was drafted by the New England Patriots. He told me he had regretted not returning earlier. But he was not alone in feeling embittered by his treatment on campus.

I was at the dedication of Chavis Hall, an indication of how far the university has come since I took classes here. Professor Ted Delaney '85, who spoke at the ceremony, has uncovered much about John Chavis' life before and after his time at Liberty Hall Academy. Ted was a lab technician in the Biology Department when I attended, but after earning a Ph.D. from William & Mary, he became the first black department chair in W&L's history.

Not all would agree with me that things have changed enough. And some would argue that the changes are ruining the university's legacy and its future as one of America's elite colleges.

Being mindful of the future, change and progress are not synonymous. Progress comes at a price for those advocating for it and those resisting it.

BLACK REUNION WEEKEND 2019

1. Dean Lena Hill welcomes attendees to the 2019 Black Reunion Weekend.
2. L. to r.: John X. Miller '77, '80L, Elliot Hicks '78 and Larry Alexander '74.
3. Tony Perry '77, the first black alumnus elected to W&L's Athletic Hall of Fame, was a football All-American and one of the top high jumpers in school history. He is joined by Jerry Darrell, former head of Dining Services.
4. L. to r.: Amber Cooper '12, assistant director of Admissions, Grace Andrews '09 and Kelly Brown, manager for catering events, at the Black Ball.
5. MaKayla Lorick '19 talks about her oral history project on desegregation and integration at W&L.

THE DEVIL IS IN THE

Behind the scenes at Devils Backbone Outpost, quality manager Coey Jenkins (in yellow vest) talks shop with students.



THE DETAILS



Virginia's largest craft brewer, Devils Backbone Brewing Co., serves students of analytical chemistry hands-on learning, grain to glass.

BY ELIZABETH PARSONS
PHOTOGRAPHY BY SHELBY MACK

WATER, MALT, HOPS, YEAST: This short list of raw ingredients, the building blocks of most beer, belies the technical complexity of the brewing process. At Devils Backbone Outpost Taproom & Kitchen, located just a short drive from W&L down Route 11, each beer has a unique recipe and multi-step brewing process. Any infinitesimal deviation of temperature, time or volume can result in product and profit lost. As Matt Tuchler, associate professor of chemistry, explains: "The flavor of a Vienna Lager is more than just hops and barley. There is a lot of science that goes on behind the scenes."

Tuchler hopes to instill in his students a deeper appreciation of this behind-the-scenes science through a learning partnership with Devils Backbone, now in its third year. His goal is to engage his students in "truly experiential learning" — to help them realize that "chemistry is not just some esoteric subject you read about in books. Chemistry is cool!"

An important part of his analytical chemistry (Chem 211) course is a two-and-a-half-hour "grain-to-glass" tour led by Coey Jenkins, the Outpost's quality manager. "There are so many different brands and beers throughout the world," Jenkins told Tuchler's students in late January, as he handed out blue vests and safety goggles to wear. "It's your water, select ingredients, and your brewhouse engineering that make your beer your beer."

Jenkins led Tuchler's group through the Outpost's 120-barrel Rolec brewing system, two analytical



Top: Devils Backbone's Coey Jenkins (center, in cap) invites students to peer inside a kettle while he explains the process. **Right: Hops. Bottom:** Students listen as Professor Matt Tuchler (right) discusses fermentation at one of several bottling lines. Far left, Coey Jenkins of Devils Backbone.



Next page, top: Tyler Lilie '21 snaps a photo. **Bottom, l. to r.:** Coey Jenkins of Devils Backbone, Matt Tuchler and students Meredith Culhane '21, Sarah Diederich '21, Tyler Lilie '21, Allen Litvak '21, Doan Bui '21 and Emma Stoffel '21.





laboratories, cellar, and bottling and canning lines.

Surrounded by 20 acres of lush farmland and framed by a panorama of the Blue Ridge, it's not surprising the Outpost is a popular destination for tourists to stop in for a pint — but few are afforded this level of access. Jenkins explained the role of each gleaming kettle and piece of equipment as the group moved from building to building. In the brewhouse, he pointed students to flat screens showing elaborate graphs and tables, monitoring the intricacies of each step in real time. In the lab, he introduced them to a colleague as he scribbled a recent test result on a whiteboard.

“Chemistry is not just some esoteric subject you read about in books. Chemistry is cool.”

Matt Tuchler, associate professor of chemistry

“Every beer produced is tested biologically at least at nine different checkpoints,” Jenkins said. “My new guys learn about the biology of beer first, then the sensory aspects, then the chemistry.”

Abby West '21, a biochemistry major, felt her eyes were opened to new career possibilities through the course. Working with the brewery “created a sense of purpose to the tests and things we are running in lab,” she said.

“We'd read about the whole process, we'd learned about it, but it was just cool to see the scale of what is going on,” added Ben Peeples '21, a chemistry and philosophy double major. “It's also cool to see the details of that kind of production, to see just how accurate everything has to be.”

Back on campus, Peeples' lab team tested samples of Devils Backbone beer to confirm ethanol content. Tuchler shares his classes' data with Devils Backbone, which makes it a win-win exchange.

“You've got a lot of big brains up at W&L,” said Jenkins. “When we need any sort of complex analytical testing, like gas chromatography, we call up Matt at W&L.”

That Tuchler's students are afforded such access to the inner workings of Virginia's largest and most decorated craft brewer, which was purchased in 2012 by Anheuser-Busch, is “just unbelievable,” said Tuchler, noting how gracious Jenkins and his team have been with their support. Then again, Lexington's small size affords big opportunities for the intellectually curious. “Everyone here is maybe three degrees of separation from everyone else,” said Tuchler, adding that when he conceived of the course, a phone call to a friend, who was also a friend of the brewery's founder, was all it took to get things started.

“The things you can do in Lexington are amazing,” he said. “The opportunities here you won't find anywhere else.”

Watch the video at go.wlu.edu/devilsbackbone.

The Equity Index

Kiersten Salander Barnet '05 promotes workplace gender equality.

BY LINDA EVANS

“Something really exciting is happening around women and money these days,” said Kiersten Salander Barnet '05. “Women are earning or controlling more of the nation’s wealth than men.” When making investment decisions, they are concerned about a company’s earnings, as well as how companies are aligning themselves with values important to women.

As global head of the Bloomberg Gender Equality Index, Barnet is in a position to help companies become more transparent about their gender equality data, which is not required in public reporting because “a lot of it is sensitive information or involves governance or risk issues,” Barnet explained.

Barnet had a brief stint in the advertising world after graduating from Washington and Lee. However, she soon decided advertising wasn’t for her. “I needed more structure and a better cultural fit.” Living in New York City, she reached out to the large network of W&L grads there, and a friend put her in touch with Grauer and Bloomberg.

“I believed that at Bloomberg, I’d build good relationships; I felt there was opportunity there.” When she meets with current W&L students or recent grads, she emphasizes the importance of opportunity over starting titles. “I also believe in starting at a big firm, where there is less likely to be a [career] logjam. At larger firms, lateral moves and promotions are more readily available.”

A self-described “data nerd,” Barnet has worked at Bloomberg L.P. since October 2005, starting as an assistant. While the title wasn’t as fancy as others she could have had elsewhere, she knew working at Bloomberg would give her better advancement opportunities.

She was right. She quickly became deputy chief of staff to Bloomberg chair Peter T. Grauer, a job that allowed her to travel the world visiting colleagues and clients. On her first trip, she accompanied Grauer to nine Asian cities in 15 days. “I never worked so hard or slept so little,” she said. Eventually, she was traveling to 20 countries a year.

“I’m a good example of going with opportunity,” she said. She put graduate school on hold because she realized that “this could be my business school.”

A few years ago, Barnet began working on diversity and inclusion projects for Bloomberg. She built a small team that incubated projects and then passed them on for follow-through. Bloomberg started the Gender Equality Index as a pilot project, and when management asked her to own it, she believed she could add value to it.

For the last two years, Barnet has monitored Gender Equality Index’s success as financial services companies came on board. “The index brings unprecedented transparency into gender equality in the workplace and serves as a barometer for gender equality at publicly held organizations,” she explained.

The index provides investors with company information on gender equality across internal stats, employee policies, external community support/engagement and gender-conscious product offerings. “Investors have access to standardized, comparable information, and companies have the opportunity to attract capital and widen their investor base,” she said. “Inclusion in the index has become the gold seal for companies around the world to publicly demonstrate their commitment to equality and advancing women in the workplace. The GEI recognizes companies committed to transparency in gender reporting and that offer best-in-class policies and practices.”

Any public company can report its data — as much or as little as it wants. Gender data is added to the Bloomberg terminal alongside financial data. To land on the index, which is not ranked, a company must have a market cap of at least \$1 billion and have a security listed on any worldwide exchange. This year, 6,000 companies in 84 countries are eligible. The 2019 index included 230 companies, more than double from the previous year.

Companies are scored across 70 metrics in five categories: talent (women in leadership, retention of women and men, percent of women in revenue-producing roles, percent of promotions to women); inclusive culture (parental leave, fertility benefits, child care); harassment policies, compensation); and female-friendly brand (supplier diversity, gender-conscious products and advertising).

One measure of success is determined by how much progress a company makes from year to year. The index, Barnet said, is fortifying the business case for diversity. Just having women on a company’s board is not enough. “It’s also how transparent they are.”

Barnet channels her “nervous energy” through her work. She also represents Bloomberg on the World Economic Forum as a strategy officer and member of the forum’s gender parity steering committee. She also was one of three founders of the U.S. 30% Club, dedicated to putting more women on corporate boards.

“It was great to travel around the world in my 20s,” she said. But her current position fulfills her personally and, through the Gender Equality Index, helps advance all women in the workplace.



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Kiersten Salander Barnet '05



MORE ABOUT KIERSTEN

Married to Alex, who works in the title insurance business, and mother to George, almost 2.

10th Reunion: Distinguished Young Alumni Award.

As a member of the W&L Williams Investment Society, “I learned how finance is applicable in the real world and about working in a male-dominated environment.”



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OFFICE HOURS



Alison Bell '91

Who are we? The associate professor of anthropology uncovers clues about W&L's complex identity through artifacts recovered near Liberty Hall Ruins.

BY LOUISE UFFELMAN • PHOTO BY SHELBY MACK

WHY TAKE AN ANTHROPOLOGY COURSE?

In the words of pioneering anthropologist Margaret Mead, we teach students “how to think, not what to think.” Anthropologists study human beings from their emergence to the present time, focusing on anything that helps us understand their culture (learned ways of thinking) and behavior (actions). That means we study some five million years of human evolution, ancient civilizations, prehistoric and historic diasporas and the rich contemporary global variation in languages, economic arrangements, social stratification and more.

The wealth of human experience gives students fodder for thinking about themselves and their world. Do we, for example, tend to mistake our specific learned ways of thinking for human nature? Or when encountering a popular or academic claim about gender or race, how can we separate fact from inference and evaluate both? As Mead said, education should empower students to come,

“unhampered by prejudices, clear-eyed to the choices which lie before them.”

INTERESTING CAMPUS ARTIFACT?

I'm fascinated by the transfer-printed ceramics found at sites on the Liberty Hall campus. The site of the Steward's House (located a few yards from the Liberty Hall Ruins), for example, served as a student dining hall for 10 years (1793-1803), but we believe it was a quarter for enslaved people from 1803 to the 1960s. Ceramic fashions changed quickly and in well-documented ways during the 1800s, and so we know that many of the sherds of bowls, cups and plates found around the Steward's House could not have been used by students, but were rather used by some of the 25 enslaved people who occupied some of the former academy buildings. I wonder what these objects might have meant to the enslaved people who used them?

CEMETERIES AND ASYLUMS?

During my research on cemeteries in the Valley of Virginia, I became fascinated by the burial ground at Western State Lunatic Asylum (now called Hospital) in Staunton. Thousands of former patients or inmates were buried there, between the 1830s and 1980s. Some had diagnoses more or less recognizable today (like melancholia and cerebral concussion), but others point to the very different cultural and medical constructs of the day. Early patients were admitted as suffering from hard study, for example, religious excitement, dissolute habits and inhaling tobacco fumes.

I'm researching the evolution in social views of behaviors that put people beyond the pale of the normal human community. In one era, doctors used elegant architecture,

ornamental gardens, horse-drawn pleasure carriages, soft clothing and warm baths to try to bring patients back into the human fold. In another era, doctors used physical constraints, compulsory sterilizations, manual labor and isolation in attempts to tame patients. Material objects, spaces and landscapes were central to projects of patrolling boundaries of deviance and acceptability.

MORE ABOUT ALISON

FAVORITE CLASS

The Anthropology of American History (SOAN 238) investigates four centuries of the American past through diverse sources – the “written and the wrought” – including census returns, wills and tax records as well as archaeological sites and artifacts, architecture (vernacular and formal), cemeteries, oral histories and historic photographs. Students in the class explore the foreign terrain of the recent past to discover surprising, complicated histories of race, gender and class in America.

EPITAPH

“To die is different from what anyone supposed, and luckier,” Walt Whitman, “Leaves of Grass.”

A GOOD READ

“Material Witnesses: Domestic Architecture and Plantation Landscapes in Early Virginia,” by Camille Wells (2018, University of Virginia Press)



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What's App?

Stephen Davenport IV '94 developed a phone app that allows Nigerians to interact with their government.

BY ANNA AKINS '17

“I remember helping people find new wells for drinking water. As a 12-year-old, that experience was completely different from the life I was accustomed to. The things we take for granted in the U.S. are a big deal in a country like Haiti, where the people have very little.”



STEPHEN DAVENPORT IV '94 spent most of his childhood summers building cisterns and schools for St Etienne's Episcopal Church in the mountain town of Buteau, Haiti, with his father, the Rev. Stephen Davenport III '64.

“I remember helping find new wells for drinking water,” he said. “As a 12-year-old that experience was completely different from the life I was accustomed to. The things we take for granted in the U.S. are a big deal in a country like Haiti, where the people have very little in the way of infrastructure. That said, the spirit and kindness of the Haitian people was amazing.”

When Davenport graduated from W&L, he worked for a few years in the technology industry before earning his International Executive MBA from Georgetown University. He joined the World Bank Group in 1999,

working as a systems engineer, before joining the non-profit Development Gateway. Davenport returned to the World Bank Group in 2013 as global lead of open government, where he spearheads efforts to encourage governments around the world to be more open, transparent and accountable to their citizens. His work has led to significant open government reforms in Argentina, Kenya, Mongolia, Morocco, Nigeria and Tunisia, to name a few, as well as establishing a Multi-Donor Trust Fund for open government financed by Canada, France and the U.K. in collaboration with the Open Government Partnership.

Currently, he's working on a \$350 million project in Nigeria that supports a program called Eyes and Ears.

SEEING, HEARING

Eyes and Ears began in the summer of 2017 and is centered in Kaduna, a state in northwest Nigeria that has long struggled with bouts of poverty and political instability.

An external audit

conducted in Kaduna State a few years ago revealed the government was not delivering on promised critical infrastructure projects, such as schools, hospitals and roads. “The government had all these capital-investment projects underway, all these things they were building with the tax-payer dollar, but they didn't have enough people to monitor whether that work was getting done effectively,” explained Davenport.

That's when Kaduna State government asked the World Bank Group to assist. Headquartered in Washington, D.C., the organization, originally founded to aid countries impacted by World War II, provides loans to developing countries in areas such as education, health, infrastructure and private-sector investment.

“The government decided, through an investment with us, to build out a tracking platform that would allow citizens to monitor projects on behalf of the government,” Davenport said. “Eyes and Ears equips citizens with a smartphone app, publicly available for the Android and iPhone, that allows them to take photos and submit comments on infrastructure projects. This activity puts more power in the hands of citizens, and they feel more connected to their government. With this information, the government is able to make more effective, data-driven decisions as to where a hospital should be, where a school should be, etc. So, ideally, we're helping them channel citizen feedback to make more informed capital-investment decisions.”

ON THE GROUND

Davenport travels to Kaduna State often to monitor the project and help the government leverage the data.

“I'm a technical specialist, but I'm also responsible for the effective use of public money and related transparency,” he said. He also advises the government on how best to protect the privacy of citizens and ensure the government is responsive to their feedback. “The Kaduna State government views us as a trusted partner. But if we don't think they are being transparent enough, we will not provide them with more funds, which can sometimes lead to resentment on their end.”

LASTING LEGACY

The Eyes and Ears project is set to wrap up at the end of 2020, at which time the World Bank Group will conduct a final evaluation and ensure that all the loan and grant resources were disbursed. But that is when the work truly begins for Kaduna State.

“Trust is the key,” Davenport said. “Once citizens are engaged, the project will have more staying power, regardless of shifts in government leadership. This social contract, once established, is difficult for any elected official to decommission.”

He added, “The moral of the story is to get citizens and civil society involved, and once we do that, it's very difficult for the next government to roll back these reforms. If we get the key components of the project set up effectively, they'll typically withstand the test of time.”

MORE ABOUT STEVE

MAJOR
Psychology

FAVORITE CLASSES

Professor Emeritus Barry Machado's history courses on World War II and Vietnam. These classes taught me that history does indeed repeat itself. At the World Bank Group, I work with foreign governments that are often experiencing reforms similar to those in the U.S., so my understanding of history has aided me in helping those governments avoid similar mistakes.

BIGGEST CHALLENGE

Understanding the different cultures of the countries I work with – it's one of the most fascinating aspects of my job, but it can also be the most difficult to navigate. In each country, everything is different – different religions, different cultures, different languages, and different logistics. I enjoy engaging with and learning more about the culture of each country, but it can also be challenging to get up to speed quickly and effectively.



Kid's Place

At the Latin American Youth Center, Kynai Johnson '06 preps the way for a more equitable future for young people.

BY BETH JOJACK • PHOTO BY KEVIN REMINGTON

“I’m really interested in identity exploration and how people learn to recognize and deconstruct their lived experience as a way to understand a little bit more about how everybody’s lived experience is different.”

KYNAI JOHNSON HAS never had a routine day at the office.

As the director of education and workforce for the Latin American Youth Center (LAYC), Johnson might spend one morning polishing a grant for one of the agency’s after-school programs in Washington, D.C., and Maryland. The next day Johnson, a licensed independent clinical social worker, might brainstorm with coworkers about an upcoming training session. She provides clinical supervision to a social worker on staff who’s working toward her own licensure.

“Most days it really just depends what’s going on,” said Johnson, who majored in Spanish and communications at W&L.

While the biggest chunk of Johnson’s work hours are dedicated to administrative tasks, she’s careful to carve out time for working directly with the youth and families who use LAYC’s services. She serves in “a principal role” for LAYC’s Digital Pathways Program,

where students, typically between the ages of 16 and 24, can receive a variety of services, including GED preparation, IT certification and job-readiness training. Johnson also teaches a class on identity exploration and the 21st century, “Which is something I really love,” she said.

The time she spends with students isn’t strictly altruistic. Johnson believes she needs to hear from young people about their LAYC experience in order to steer the education and workforce department. “I recognize them as a really valuable resource,” she said.

AN EVOLVING MISSION

Founders built LAYC in 1968 as a community center providing educational and vocational programs to the area’s immigrant Latinx youth. Over the years, the needs of D.C.’s young people changed.

“Housing affordability has caused people to move further and further out,” said Johnson, who grew up in southern Maryland.

“Now it is more true than it ever was that people who come to this agency are traveling from other parts of the city and also from Maryland or sometimes Virginia.”

LAYC serves over 4,000 students annually. More than half were born in the U.S., although they may have parents or grandparents born in another country. “Our demographics are about split between what I would call the Latinx community and the black community,” Johnson explained.

LAYC never turns away young people who need services, but the agency does work at stretching pennies. “There’s always the desire to expand capacity and to have more resources,” she said.

INSATIABLE CURIOSITY

When Johnson applied to the doctoral program in social work at The Catholic University of America it wasn’t to further any career goal.

“I have a genuine love for learning,” she said. “I really care about social work and felt there was just still a lot more for me to learn in the field.”

Johnson, who hopes to earn her Ph.D. in the spring of 2020, is hard at work on a dissertation exploring how conscious graduate-level social work students are of

social inequalities. “I’m really interested in identity exploration,” she said, “and how people learn to recognize and deconstruct their lived experience as a way to understand a little bit more about how everybody’s lived experience is different.”

MORE ABOUT KYNAI

THE EXPLORER

To date, Johnson has visited 40 countries. She made her first trip abroad to Ecuador the summer after her sophomore year at W&L.

SELF-CARE

Johnson recharges by spending time with family and friends. A handful of former W&L classmates who live in Washington, D.C., frequently show up on her social calendar.

SOCIAL WORK PHILOSOPHY

“I really consider myself to be a macro social worker. For me what that means is that I spend a lot of time thinking about social justice.” Through her work, Johnson hopes to create systemic change that results in “more equitable practices within the community.”



Alumni

CLASS UPDATES AND SUCCESS STORIES



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FIVE-STAR FESTIVAL Sept. 12-14, 2019

The 55th and 60th reunion classes of 1964 and 1959 are the centerpieces; all Five-Star Generals are, of course, welcome.

YOUNG ALUMNI WEEKEND OCT. 25-27, 2019

Join your classmates, meet new friends and enjoy the fall splendor of our beautiful campus. All alumni from 2008 to 2019 are most cordially invited. Since Hurricane Florence forced the cancellation of last year's event, we'll be celebrating the 5th, 6th, 10th and 11th reunions.

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The Atlanta Alumni Chapter has regular chapter events centered around supporting the Atlanta Community Food Bank. This group participated in the December 2018 event.

CHAPTER CORNER

'LEADERS OF OUR COMMUNITY': ALUMNI CHAPTERS GET INVOLVED

By Tom Lovell '91, Senior Associate Director of Alumni Engagement

Welcome to the City, holiday and Presidents' Day events, as well as Summer Send-offs are established chapter activities that play an important and integral social role in the life of our alumni chapters. They offer the W&L communities in chapters large and small excellent opportunities to gather and build personal relationships and stay connected to the university.

But what about building relationships in these communities themselves? Many chapters do just that by volunteering and participating in community service events locally. Atlanta, one of our largest alumni chapters with more than 1,300 alumni, organizes regular volunteer opportunities in support of the Atlanta Community Food Bank, while Baton Rouge, with 60 alumni, has made an annual chapter tradition of helping with the local Holiday Blessing Bag Stuffing event. Carlos Spaht '05, president of the Baton Rouge Alumni chapter, explained, "I view us as fulfilling the mission started at W&L of being leaders of our community. There is no better way to lead than to spend your time helping those who live next to us and are in desperate need."

Community service has enhanced the life of both chapters and can be a great addition for your chapter, too. For more information on how to make community service effective in your chapter, please contact me at 540-458-8467 or tdlovell@wlu.edu.



**DR. ROBERT “CHIP”
SCHOOLEY '70**

A Trusted Maverick

BY BARBARA ELLIOTT

WHEN HE ENTERED W&L, CHIP SCHOOLEY thought he would become a pediatrician in Birmingham and “torture small children as I was tortured.” Fortunately for the children of Birmingham — and for patients around the world — he instead became an internationally renowned expert in infectious diseases. He holds many titles: professor, Division of Infectious Diseases; vice chair, Department of Medicine; co-director, Center for Innovative Phage Applications and Therapeutics; senior director, International Initiatives, University of California, San Diego.

Schooley’s focus changed when he had the opportunity to research prostaglandins with his mentor, Professor Keith Shillington, through the R.E. Lee Research Program. His passion for research awakened, he decided to pursue a medical career as both a clinician and researcher.

“It was not until I got involved in research that I saw how exciting it is to see a problem and be able to correct it. For those like me involved with research and patient care, that can be the light at the end of the tunnel,” he said.

After graduating from medical school at Johns Hopkins, he completed a series of research fellowships and was at Harvard focusing on Epstein-Barr, the virus that causes infectious mononucleosis, when the first cases of Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome (AIDS) emerged in the summer of 1981.

Schooley was researching how Epstein-Barr affects the immune system. A colleague, Dr. Martin Hirsch, was doing similar research on the cytomegalovirus, which was associated with Kaposi’s sarcoma, an uncommon tumor that presented in AIDS patients. Realizing the potential connection to their research, they applied for an NIH grant and conducted a study on the changes to the immune system in a group

of men who either had or were at risk for contracting AIDS.

Schooley went on to do pioneering work in demonstrating AZT’s efficacy in treating advanced HIV infection. “In 1990, I had become convinced that development of an AIDS vaccine was many years in the future. I became heavily involved in the clinical and translational studies that demonstrated the utility of combination antiretroviral chemotherapy,” he said.

More recently, he has focused on extending the benefits of AIDS treatment to lower- and middle-income countries, particularly in Mozambique. “HIV is a great example of a pathogen that doesn’t honor borders,” he commented.

In 2016, Schooley’s career took an unexpected turn when a colleague, Thomas Patterson, became infected with the antibiotic-resistant killer bacteria *Acinetobacter baumannii*. Patterson’s wife, epidemiologist Steffanie Strathdee, enlisted Schooley in a desperate attempt to save his life by using phage therapy, a technique developed in the early 20th century but virtually abandoned after the advent of antibiotics. Simply put, the therapy involves using a virus to kill a bacterium. The process is much more complicated than that, of course, and involves identifying and purifying a specific virus to attack a specific bacterium and determining how to administer it. Schooley calls it “doing the Darwinian Dance.”

The couple chronicled their harrowing ordeal — and Schooley’s critical role in its positive outcome — in “The Perfect Predator,” a memoir published earlier this year. In the book, Strathdee says of Schooley: “He’d earned his reputation as a maverick to be trusted, with a strong moral compass. He was willing to take risk that others might not, but always with a patient’s best outcome as the end that justified the means.”

50s

1956

William H. Williams performed his first wedding after his ordination as an interfaith minister at the historic Riverside Hotel in downtown Ft. Lauderdale, Florida. He still teaches a weekly class on spirituality and The Course in Miracles at ArtServe in the Broward Library system. He is a volunteer

spiritual counselor at Imperial Point Hospital. He spent most of last summer in Northampton, Massachusetts.

for over 46 years providing post-secondary education opportunities for the members of the Armed Forces and veterans.

had on his faith. It is titled “With Him In Deep Waters.”

James A. McLaughlin’s novel, “Bearskin” (HarperCollins Publishers - Ecco), was named Best First Novel by an American Author by the 2019 Edgar Allan Poe Awards, honoring the best in mystery fiction, nonfiction and television published or produced in 2018.

Samuel S. Obenshain retired in June from his position as executive

60s

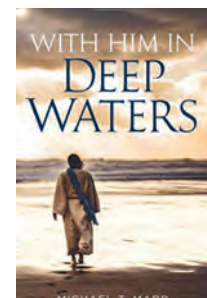
1969

Dr. Jeffrey Cropsey was recognized by the Council of College and Military Educators with its Lifetime Achievement Award. Cropsey worked

80s

1986

Michael T. Marr self-published a book reflecting on his recent experience with cancer and the impact that experience



Michael T. Marr '86 WITH HIM IN DEEP WATERS



CHRIS BRAY '91

Bend it Like Bray

BY LINDA EVANS

Chris Bray '91 wants everyone to know that anyone can compete in Special Olympics. Known primarily as an athletic program modeled after the Olympics for young people with intellectual disabilities, Special Olympics has pioneered a concept called Unified Sports, which brings together athletes with and without disabilities as teammates.

“Our Special Olympians love hanging out with friends — new friends they might not have had without the program,” said Bray, who serves as local area coordinator for Special K’s, an Atlanta-area Unified Sports program. Bray, a journalism major, got his start while teaching at Centennial High School in Roswell, Georgia. He had a student with Down Syndrome mainstreamed into his class. “His mother told me about Special K’s, and I started volunteering with them 18 years ago.”

He began as an assistant basketball coach, then became coach and, when leadership changed, he took over as area coordinator. “Special K’s were initially young people. Many are still with the program, and we have also added adults.” The program has more than 100 athletes competing in many sports, including basketball, cycling, soccer, swimming and track.

Last summer, a Special K’s unified soccer team represented the state of Georgia at the USA Special Olympics Games in Seattle and brought home the bronze medal. “Our roster of 12 was composed of six traditional athletes and six unified partners,” Bray said. “It was an awesome experience.” Although the program has sent individual athletes to Special Olympics World Games in power lifting and gymnastics, this was the first time a Special K’s team went to nationals.

Bray puts in a few hours a week at practice and administrative work. “During the season, we practice on Sundays for two or three hours.” He said, “It’s like family getting together. It’s a fun, social thing as well as exercise. It is very rewarding to me.”

For the past 20 years, Bray has taught in Fulton County, Georgia. After graduating from Washington and Lee, he earned a teaching certificate and then a master’s degree in special education from Georgia State University. He recently started working in transition services for the school system, which takes him to three schools. He encourages students to volunteer as unified partners for Special K’s. “It’s a lot of word of mouth. Students think it sounds fun and come to practice,” he said.

Bray has also recruited his own two children to be unified partners — his son, now a student at the University of Georgia, in basketball, and his daughter, 12, in cycling. She and her traditional athlete partner, whose times were combined, won a gold medal at the Fall Games in October.

“It has been such a great experience for them,” said Bray. Siblings and friends of the traditional athletes often become unified partners, as well. “We find that the peers who work with the kids do change. Some partners become interested in becoming special education teachers. It is a meaningful experience; we see friendships grow and develop from the first practice through the end of the season.”

Bray enjoys talking to groups about Unified Sports and Special K’s. “I love the inclusion wave and tell people anyone can compete in Special Olympics; anyone can get involved.”

director at Cottonwood Classical Preparatory School, after 30 years of service in the public education sector. His career included all levels in education in New Mexico, including educational assistant; soccer, basketball and tennis coach; 15 years of teaching disadvantaged at-risk students; assistant principalships; multiple principalships; as well as a stint as the New Mexico assistant secretary of education for charter schools, private schools and home schools. Under his leadership, Cotton-

wood reached a top-100 national ranking from U.S. News & World Report (the first school in New Mexico history), as well as the 20th-ranked charter school in the nation. Simultaneously, Cottonwood Classical Preparatory School was named the best public school in the state of New Mexico.

1988

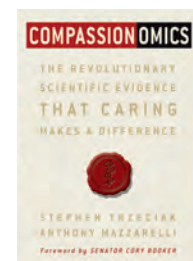
Edward J. Willard experienced a second seizure on Jan. 31, which left him unconscious until Feb. 2. The doctors at

Wake Forest Baptist Hospital did not have any explanation as to its cause. His first seizure happened in November 2018, the 30th anniversary of his car accident, and the second seizure fell on the 30th anniversary of his subdural hematoma operation. As a result, he will be unable to drive for a minimum of six months and will have to take anti-seizure medication the rest of his life. The worst part is not driving. He’s requested prayers.

90s

1997

Dr. Anthony Mazzarelli authored “Compassionomics: The Revolutionary Scientific Evidence that Caring Makes a Difference” (Studer Group, 2019). He is co-president, Cooper University Health Care, and associate dean of medical affairs, Cooper Medical School of Rowan University, where he practices emergency medicine.



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MAGGIE STACY '97

'A Dose of Perspective'

BY JOAN TUPPONCE

"I THINK IT'S OUR OBLIGATION TO do good and serve others with the things we've been given," said Maggie Stacy '97, who majored in art history and a minored in economics. "I learned that from my parents when I was very young."

Stacy and her family regularly served in their Houston church and adopted families for Christmas. She recalled joining her grandmother in Shreveport, Louisiana, to deliver Meals on Wheels. "I remember going in and connecting. My grandmother knew these people and developed longstanding relationships with them."

Those visits made a lasting impression: "I felt their loneliness, and I felt the light when my grandmother walked in."

Now co-owner of Brooks Stacy, L.L.C. in Houston, a senior level executive search firm, Stacy is also president of the board of Ronald McDonald House Houston. She has served on the board for five years, the last two on the executive committee.

Previously Stacy and her husband were involved with Texas Children's Cancer Center, and she served on the Lamb and Goat Committee for the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo, which helps raise money for youth scholarships.

The Ronald McDonald House Houston serves 3,000 families a year, providing housing, food and support for families that come from around the country and the world for medical treatment. "We provide a home away from home for families with critically ill children seeking treatment in our Texas Medical Center. We provide lodging and meals and family-centered care. A donation of \$25 per night can be made

but families are not obligated to pay anything," Stacy said.

A mainstay of the house is Mogie, a Labradoodle. The oldest Mogie (on Stacy's right in the pic) just retired from RMHH after 10 years. The youngest (on her left) lives on-site and is a source of comfort and love for the children and their families. "We published a children's book called, 'Mogie: The Heart of the House.' It's wonderful," she said.

The organization recently raised \$24.5 million through a capital campaign, adding additional rooms and completing renovations. "We rely on a lot of generous people, corporations and foundations in the Houston community to help us do what we do."

Stacy credits her time at W&L with preparing her for her role as board president. "We were encouraged to share our opinion and back it up with facts and feelings, and then if someone didn't agree we could respectfully disagree," she said of her academic experiences. "That is so healthy, and it's essential on our Ronald McDonald House board."

She was a member of Kathekon, the Steering Committee for the Mock Convention, the Student Activities Board, the Student Executive Committee and Kappa Kappa Gamma. "I call my four years there 'Utopia.'"

Overseeing the board at Ronald McDonald House gives her "an amazing dose of perspective. It keeps reality in check," she said. "If I feel stressed, I can walk into Ronald McDonald House and realize very quickly that I don't have any problems. My husband and I and our two children are healthy. The rest is gravy. It gives much more to me than I give back."

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2001

Fred Heiser ('04L) has been promoted to shareholder in Klinedinst P.C.'s Los Angeles and Orange county offices. He is a member of the firm's business and commercial litigation, commercial general liability and employment practice groups.

Col. Howard Sanborn IV, professor of international studies at Virginia

Military Institute, will spend the fall semester in Hong Kong courtesy of a Fulbright grant from the U.S. State Department.

2008

Victoria M.N. Childress moved to Salt Lake City, Utah, and is a clinical research coordinator at the University of Utah Orthopaedics Center. She has fallen head over heels for Salt Lake City, which reminds her of Lexington – safe, walkable streets, cute local shops and gorgeous mountains everywhere

you go. In other news, her poem "Marvell, Arkansas, June 2006" will be published in "Lingering in the Margins: A River City Poets Anthology" (Chop Suey Books, 2019). The poem was inspired by Childress' summer internship with the Shepherd Program.

10s

2010

Amy Conant Hoang ('13L) was named one of DCA Live's Emerging Women Leaders in Law. She

works for K&L Gates L.L.P. in Washington, D.C.

2013

Thomas E. Spears graduated with his LL.M. in taxation from the New York University School of Law.

2015

David J. Thomas took his oath of office to serve as the youngest county auditor in Ohio. He won his election in November 2018, beating a 12-year incumbent by 10%. The

Ashtabula county auditor is head fiscal officer, overseeing a staff of 23 and is tasked with handling all property tax and valuation matters, fiscal responsibilities for a county of 100,000 residents and consumer safety regulations.

W&L TRAVELLER

The Galapagos Islands: Eight Days of Wonder and Amazement: Feb. 19-26, 2020



Designated the first UNESCO World Heritage Site in 1978, the Galapagos Islands have been described as a “unique living museum and showcase of evolution.” The islands are home to a fascinating array of wildlife inhabiting an unspoiled ecosystem and living in unusual harmony with their human visitors.

This exciting journey features a day of guided touring in Quito, Ecuador, plus a comfortable cruise through the archipelago with intimate access to endemic species. Expert naturalists will guide you through the wonders of this national park, whale sanctuary, and marine reserve.

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WEDDINGS



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1. Parker Pritchett '12 to **Matt Young** on March 30 in Houston. Fellow Generals in attendance were **John Pritchett '81** (father of the bride), **Richie Keatley '81**, **Madison Woodward '81**, **Jamie Small '81**, **Hannah Agard '12**, **Morgan Kinsey '12** and **Charlotte Giglia '12** (matron of honor). The couple live in Houston.

2. Andrew Bennett '12 to **Madeline Buckthal**, on Nov. 3, 2018, in Dallas. Alumni in the wedding party included **John Buckthal '77** (father of the bride), "Caki" **Buckthal Watkins '13** (sister of the bride), **Katie Bennett '14**, '19L (sister of the groom), **David Bennett '91** (brother of the groom) and **Andrew Renaldo '12** (best man). Also attending were **Tucker Bourne '12**, **Lacey Flanigan '13**, **Jonathan Gaffney '12** and **Trevor Becton Law '16**. The couple will reside in Dallas, where Andrew is the director of project management at AT&T Headquarters, and Madeline is a mental health therapist in private practice.

3. Skye Justice '03 to **Louis Alexandre Whest** on April 27, in Washington, D.C. Alumni in attendance included **Matt Conner '02**, **Krista Collier Conner '03**, **Chris Dietz '03**, **Lauren Robbins Holder '03**, **Richard Kilby '03**, **Heather Lancaster Kilby '03**, **Farhan Mustafa '03**, **Raphael Penteado '03**, **Nick Ramsey '03**, **Fielding Rogers '03**, **Christina Twomey '03**, **Erik Welle '03** and **John Wright '03**. The couple reside in Geneva, Switzerland.

BIRTHS

Boyd Camak III '00 and his wife, **Sara**, a daughter, **Mary Edith**, on April 7.

Jeffrey B. Paul '01 and his wife, **Crystal Andersen**, twin sons, **Torrey Tauke** and **Darragh Avery**, on Oct. 26, 2018. They join sister **Finley**, 8, brother **Gavin**, 6, and brother **Calan**, 2, in Downers Grove, Illinois. **Lexi**, 11, the family dog, is now officially overruled with humans. Paul manages open-source software development, marketing and public contributions, as the open-source practice manager at 10up, and is an active contributor to WordPress, an open-source content management system. His wife is a partner with Deloitte & Touche.

Paul A. Sibley '04 and **Mary Aldrich Sibley '05**, a daughter, **Chloe Selah**, on Feb. 2. Siblings **Helen**, **Lily** and **Colin** are thrilled.

Dr. Robin Davis Beducian '07 and her husband, **John Elliott**, a son, **Sutton Wright** on March 11. He joins brother **Sawyer**. Beducian is a neurologist and epileptologist at Ochsner Health System in New Orleans. She was named the assistant residency program director for neurology and is an assistant clinical professor for the Ochsner-UQ Medical School.

Hartley Meric Crunk '07 and **Blair Crunk '07** a daughter, **Mina Marie**, on Feb. 3. The Crunks live in New Orleans.

Amy Nunez Williams '07 and her husband, **Rhys**, a daughter, **Mary Catherine**, on Feb. 4. She joins brother **Rhys Jr.**, 2.

Tara Rubenstein Collins '08 and **Chas Collins '07**, a daughter, **Paige Thomas** on March 6. Paige joins her sister **Tillie**. The family reside in Richmond.

Michael T. Kuntz '11 and his wife, **Lindsay**, a son, **Jackson Brooks**, on March 4. He joins sisters **Reagan**, 4, and **Kennedy**, 2. The family is relocating to Boston in July.

ALUMNI NEWS



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1. The Hubbard family attended a lacrosse game on Wilson Field. From left to right: Chris and Hadley Feiss, parents of Anna Feiss '16, Taylor Cashman '21, Bo Cashman P'21, '23, Amanda Cashman, sister, Hadley Cashman '23, Penney and A.C. Hubbard '59, '62L and Kimberly Cashman P'16, '21.

2. Alums at the 2019 Federation of Defense and Corporate Counsel Meeting in Austin, Texas. L. to r.: Reid Manley '91, L. Johnson Sarber '89, '93L, Jeff Kelsey '89, '92L, William Toles '92, '95L and Peter Wanek '90. Not pictured, John Klinedinst '71, '78L.

3-4. Russell Warren Chambliss Sr. '74 (on the throne) reigned over the 52nd Krewe Ball, a fundraiser for the Birmingham Museum of Art. His splendidly attired royal attendants included: (Photo 3) Front row, l. to r., Chambliss and Bert Amason '92, captain of the Beaux Arts Krewe. Second row, l. to r: Felix Drennen '73, duke; Hatton Smith '73, duke; and Billy Pritchard '76, duke. (Photo 4) Billy Reed '85, a Queen's guard, also attended with his daughter Sarah Reed '17.

Chambliss explained, "Beaux Arts Krewe Ball was started in 1966 by Mrs. James Mallory Kidd, mother of Brad Kidd '73. Our mission is to honor our daughters and to raise money for the Birmingham Museum of Art. We put on this ball every year the Friday before Mardi Gras. The members of the Krewe do all of the work to produce an event for 3,000 attendees. It is great fun and we have enabled the museum to purchase some amazing art."



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5. Hunter Armstrong, Stephanie Sterling, Amy Bookout Christie, Katherine Sawyer, Chad Sartini and Anne Spencer Hatch (all Class of 1997) enjoyed a mini-reunion on Cape Cod last July.

6. Rep. Weston J. Newton '89 (right), of South Carolina, received the inaugural Carl Levin Award for Effective Oversight from The Levin Center at Wayne State University Law School, for his role as chairman of the South Carolina House Legislative Oversight Committee.

“Representative Newton is the perfect legislator to receive this award for effective oversight,” said former U.S. Sen. Carl Levin (left), chair of the Levin Center at Wayne Law, who presented Newton with his award. “Elected unanimously in 2014 and 2016 by his 19 colleagues to chair the Oversight Committee, Rep. Newton has established a culture of objectivity, equal participation, transparency, comity and ethics. He has led meaningful bipartisan investigations that have

resulted in significant reforms, in particular the committee’s investigation into South Carolina’s Department of Public Safety that yielded 27 bipartisan recommendations for reform, many of which have been implemented.”

Earlier this year, Newton and Andrew Wright '95, former associate counsel to President Barack Obama in the White House Counsel’s Office, joined the Levin Center at an Oversight boot camp for the Pennsylvania legislature.

7. Over the past 130 years, many Woodberry Forest School graduates have attended W&L, and in the fall six Woodberry students (out of a graduating class of 100) will be headed there. Students joined five members of Woodberry’s faculty who are W&L grads themselves. From l. to r.: Ben Hale '85, Taylor Tucker '23, Charlie Moore '23, Spotty Robins '08, Giulio de Alessandrini '23, Henry Singleton '23, Dylan Walmsley '23, Ted Blain '74, Max Weaver '23, Jacob Geiger '09 and Parrish Preston '17.

OBITS

1940s

Harrison B. Kinney '44, of Lexington, died on Feb. 9. He served in the Army during World War II. He was a writer.

Edward B. Addison '45, of Ponte Vedra Beach, Florida, died on Feb. 20. He served in the Air Force during World War II. He worked at Addison Rudesal Inc., his family's millwork business. He was uncle to Tom Addison III '72 and grandfather to John Sanford '09. He belonged to Phi Delta Theta.

Dr. Benjamin M. Kaplan '45, of Wilmette, Illinois, died on Feb. 26. He was a cardiologist in Chicago for 60 years. He was father to Jim Kaplan '82 and belonged to Phi Epsilon Pi.

G. Berrian Hall Jr. '46, of Poquoson, Virginia, died on March 25. He served in the Navy. He belonged to Beta Theta Pi.

Dan C. Pinck '46, of Cambridge, Massachusetts, died on Feb. 10. He served in the Army during World War II for the Office of Strategic Services (CIA). After the war, he was a leg man for writer A.J. Liebling at the New Yorker magazine, held administrative and research jobs at Boston-area universities and did consulting work in marketing and education. He was father to Charles Pinck '86.

1950s

Douglas I. Buck '50, '56L, of Flint, Michigan, died on Feb. 10. He served in the Navy. He practiced law for over 40 years, the last 14 years with his son. He belonged to Kappa Alpha.

Frederick T. Moffatt Jr. '50, of Shelbyville, Kentucky, died on March 2. He served in the Navy during World War II. He was a pastor for over 60 years. He belonged to Phi Kappa Psi.

Jules R. Shaivitz '50, of Pikesville, Maryland, died on Oct. 3, 2017. He belonged to Phi Epsilon Pi.

Kenneth R. Stark Jr. '50, of Naples, Florida, died on Feb. 17. He served in the Navy. He was an entrepreneur and was also elected commissioner of education for the town of Lookout Mountain, Tennessee. He belonged to Phi Delta Theta.

William G. Bean Jr. '51, of Lexington, died on Feb. 27. He was the founder and owner of William G. Bean Jr. Insurance Agency. He belonged to Kappa Alpha.

Albert F. Knight '51L, of Newark, New Jersey, died on March 26. He served in the Navy. He retired from Merck & Company as assistant general counsel. He established the A. Paul Knight Internship Program in Conservation, allowing four W&L undergraduate students and two law students to work for environmental organizations during the summer. Read the 2018 Winter W&L Mag story at go.wlu.edu/alknight.

Dr. John O. Martin '51, of Ashburn, Virginia, died on March 26. He served in the Army. He was a

family physician in Falls Church, with practices in several locations in northern Virginia and at the Manassas Medical Center. He was uncle to Channing Martin '75, '79L and great-uncle to Drew Martin '13. He belonged to Pi Kappa Phi.

Scott H. Shott '51L, of New Harbor, Maine, died on March 31. He served in the Navy. He worked as an attorney for several family companies in West Virginia. He belonged to Phi Kappa Psi.

Alan S. Kane '52, of Charlottesville, Virginia, died on March 23. He served in the Army. He was co-owner of Kane Furniture.

Charles K. Bibby '53, of Concord, North Carolina, died on Feb. 8. He had a sales career with Dupont and later Reynolds Metals. He maintained a parallel career as both a visual and voice actor. He belonged to Sigma Chi.

Dr. T. Kyle Creson Jr. '53, of Memphis, Tennessee, died on Feb. 25. He served in the Navy. He had a private practice in internal medicine, hematology/oncology. He was father to Thomas "Cris" Creson III '82 and belonged to Sigma Alpha Epsilon.

Robert R. Kane III '54L, of Pearisburg, Virginia, died on March 5. He served in the Navy. He owned The Virginian-Leader newspaper in Pearisburg. He was uncle to Steve Arey '75L and belonged to Sigma Chi.

John M. Walbridge '55, of Short Hills, New Jersey, and Vero Beach, Florida, died on Feb. 15. He worked in commercial lending at Citibank in

New York. He belonged to Sigma Alpha Epsilon.

James C. Jeter '56, '59L, of Ronceverte, West Virginia, died on Feb. 26. He served in the Naval Reserves. He practiced law in Charleston. He was cousin to William Jeter Jr. '71 and belonged to Kappa Sigma.

Dr. Paul H. Krogh '56, of Bethesda, Maryland, died on Feb. 7. He was an oral surgeon in Washington, D.C. He belonged to Beta Theta Pi.

Joseph S. Lovering Jr. '56, of Virginia Beach, Virginia, died on Feb. 13. He served in the Army. He had a career in banking, retiring from Bank of America. He belonged to Phi Delta Theta.

Richard P. Laskey '57, of Brookings, Oregon, died on March 3. He served in the U.S. Coast Guard. He was a manager at Ethicon, a subsidiary of Johnson & Johnson. He belonged to Phi Kappa Sigma and was father to Peter Laskey '93.

George R. Charles Jr. '58, of Lexington, died on April 8. He worked for Westinghouse Airbrake Co. as a member of its international executive sales force. After retirement, he managed the Healthy Foods Market in Lexington. He belonged to Phi Kappa Psi.

Dr. Karl W. Waterson Jr. '58, of Charleston, West Virginia, died on Feb. 16. He served in the Army. He practiced dermatology, was father to Ted Waterson '89 and belonged to Phi Gamma Delta.

ROBERT C. VAUGHAN III '66

Robert C. Vaughan III '66, of Charlottesville, Virginia, died on March 6. He was the first executive director of the Virginia Foundation for the Humanities and a member of the faculty of the University of Virginia's Darden School, where he taught in the MBA and Executive Education programs.

Over the course of his career, Vaughan was instrumental in the creation of the Center for Nonprofit Excellence, the Festival of the Book, the Ashlawn Opera and the American Shakespeare Center, among other initiatives.

As a student, he was a member of Sazeracs, Ariel, the Ring-tum Phi, Concert Guild, the Dance board and Delta Tau Delta. He served on his 50th class reunion committee, his area campaign committee and the Greek House Corp. and was an alumni career mentor and a class agent. He received an honorary degree from W&L in 2016.



ANNE WILSON, WIFE OF 21ST PRESIDENT OF W&L, DIES AT 84

Anne Veronica Yeomans Wilson, the wife of former president of Washington and Lee University John Wilson (1983 to 1995), died March 17, 2019. She was 84.

Wilson was born on Sept. 22, 1934, in Newbury, Berkshire, a small town southwest of London. Her daughter Sara noted that her mother's "childhood memories included the agrarian England culture of gardening and animals, tranquil family trips on canal boats in rural England, fox hunting, as well as the discordant interruption of taking cover from the frightening air raids of World War II." She attended a girls' school

outside Newbury, where she enjoyed literature, sports and occasional adventures to London and Ireland with friends.

In 1956, she met John Wilson at her father's golf club in Newbury; he was stationed nearby as an Air Force intelligence officer. They married Sept. 21, 1957. Soon after, she left her beloved England to join him as he started his career in academic administration at Michigan State, though she forever after held on to her British identity (and accent) with great tenacity. When her husband became president of Wells College in Aurora, New York, from 1968 to 1975, she embraced the social and supportive role of a college president's spouse with grace and a generous spirit. When the couple moved to Virginia Tech in 1975, she became active in faculty clubs, garden clubs, the arts and community groups.

At W&L, Wilson was known for her support of athletics and the arts and for her contributions in helping shepherd W&L through the challenges of co-education. Upon her departure from W&L in 1995, the Alumni Board of Directors dedicated the renovation and landscaping of Traveller's grave (outside the Lee Chapel Museum entrance) in honor of her service to the university. "Anne Wilson," the statement read, "is a lover of animals who believes that their company and care enhance the human condition."

In 2006, the university dedicated the John and Anne Wilson Hall, the new home of the departments of art and art history and music, in the couple's honor.

As well as continuing to read avidly in retirement, she also enjoyed W&L's Alumni Trips and summer education seminars. In addition, she was a volunteer for the SPCA and the Rockbridge Area Foodbank

Wilson is survived by her four children, Stephen, Anthony, Patrick and Sara, nine grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

A. Carter Magee Jr. '79L, of Roanoke, died on Feb. 14. He was an AV-rated attorney and founding partner of Magee Goldstein Lasky and Sayers, as well as an adjunct professor at W&L School of Law.

William T. Thistlethwaite '79, of Glasgow, Kentucky, died on March 5. He practiced at T.J. Samson Hospital in Glasgow and Jackson Purchase Hospital in Mayfield, Kentucky. He belonged to Delta Tau Delta.

2000s

Matthew P. Neumayer '00, of Baltimore, Maryland, died on Feb. 11. He was vice president of accounting at TridentUSA Health Services. He was brother to Carrie Neumayer '04 and belonged to Beta Theta Pi.

Martha Leigh Caulkins '08, of Baltimore, Maryland, died on Feb. 24. She was an associate at the Brattle Group. She belonged to Kappa Alpha Theta.

1960s

David L. Croasdaile '61, of Twin Falls, Idaho, died on March 12. He served in the Navy. He had a private ophthalmology practice. He belonged to Pi Kappa Phi.

Walter E. Klaas Jr. '63, of Concord, North Carolina, died on May 22, 2018. He belonged to Sigma Phi Epsilon.

Ronald P. Hammers '65L, of Kill Devil Hills,

North Carolina, died on Aug. 2, 2016.

F. Lamar Lamb '65, of Chipley, Florida, died on March 26. He was a site locator for Kindercare.

Guy H. Unangst '65, of Jacksonville, Florida, died on March 8. He served in the Army Air National Guard. He retired from Arkansas Democrat-Gazette as the special projects editor, the Sunday editor and the Washington editor. He belonged to Pi Kappa Phi.

Gary W. Short '66, of Glendale, California, died on Feb. 7, 2018. He belonged to Phi Gamma Delta.

H. Parks Redwine II '69, of Atlanta, died on June 3, 2018. He served as president of the Atlanta Improvement Co.

1970s

C. Bruce McNiel '70 died March 30, 2018. He belonged to Sigma Phi Epsilon.

John W. Cassell Jr. '72, of Charlottesville, Virginia, died on March 9. He served in the Army. He owned and operated a custom picture-framing business. He belonged to Pi Kappa Alpha.

John N. Stack Jr. '74, of Baltimore, Maryland, died on June 16, 2018. He was father to Paul Stack '09.

Robert E. Patterson '76, of Largo, Florida, died on April 3, 2018.

This issue contains notices about deaths that we received before our deadline, which is about three months before an issue lands in your mailbox.

Questions?
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COMMENCING TO CELEBRATE

Proud relatives of the Class of 2019 took a moment out of a busy day to record a milestone moment. Alumni in the photo are parents of these newest graduates, unless otherwise noted.

Photos by Patrick Hinely '73



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1. Front row, l. to r.: Richard Harbison '54 (grandfather of Rebecca), Will Harbison '87, '90L, Tom Peters '87, John Hudson '87, Jense Teague III '85 and Scott Dacus '82. Back row, l. to r.: Rebecca Harbison '19, Cordelia Peters '19, Kate Hudson '19, Anne Teague '19 and Trevor Dacus '19.

2. Front row, l. to r.: Michael Magoline '89, Nelson Patterson '86, Catherine Klinedinst '15 (sister of Caroline), Duncan Klinedinst '74, Lorena Manriquez '88 (mother of Virginia) and Gregg Kettles '88. Back row, l. to r.: Joseph Magoline '19, John Patterson '19, Caroline Klinedinst '19 and Virginia Kettles '19.

3. Front row, l. to r.: Jay Hennig III '86, Eric Obeck '86, Ross Singletary II '89, Sandy Whann IV '86, Evans Schmidt '88 and Robert Griffith III '83. Back row, l. to r.: Julian Hennig IV '19, Drew Obeck '19, Will Singletary III '19, William Whann '19, Evans Schmidt Jr. '19 and Reynolds Griffith '19.

4. Front row, l. to r.: Jim Murphy IV '87, Jim Baldwin Jr. '83, Janice Straske '91, Tom Peters '87, Bob Spratt Jr. '88 and Hal Wellford Jr. '76. Back row, l. to r.: Catherine Murphy '19, Marie Baldwin '19, Davis Straske '19, Cordelia Peters '19, Eliza Spratt '19 and Rebecca Wellford '19.



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5. Front row, l. to r.: John McCaffery '86, Steve Lewis '84, Jim Tucker '87, Ab Boxley III '80, John Roach '89 and Catherine Roach '16 (sister of Bennett). Back row, l. to r.: Andrew McCaffery '16 (brother of Stephen), Stephen McCaffery '19, Andrew Lewis '19, Will Tucker '19, Sam Boxley '19 and Bennett Roach '19.

6. Front row, l. to r.: Paul Anders '90L, Ian Banwell '85, Thad Ellis II '82 (uncle of Jackson), Randy Ellis '86, Courtney Adams Christensen '91 and Rob Christensen '91. Back row, l. to r.: Nick Anders '19, Turner Banwell '19, Laura Ellis '14 (cousin to Jackson), Jackson Ellis '19 and Jack Christensen '19.

7. Front row, l. to r.: Steve Udicious '89, Allen Cross III '82, Andy Gottschalk '82, Chris Williams '85, John Fritsche '86 and Larry Anker '86. Back row, l. to r.: Julia Udicious '19, Gus Cross '19, Laura Gottschalk '19, Terrell Williams '19, Robert Fritsche '19 and Josie Anker '19.

8. Front row, l. to r.: Henry Dewing '85 (uncle of Hannah), Andy Dewing '84 and Rutledge "Rut" Lilly Jr. '59 (grandfather of Sam). Back row, l. to r.: Hannah Dewing '19, Sam Joseph '19.

9. Marshall Wallace '19 (left) and Jay Wallace '85.

REFLECTING FORWARD

Reunion 2019: A Record-Breaking Weekend



The last 18 months have been a time of strong opinions, concerns, happiness, unhappiness, thoughtful conversations and greater overall anxiety among alumni and the campus community than is customary for the W&L family. As Alumni Weekend 2019 approached, we expected that it would be one useful barometer of alumni sentiments in the attending classes 1969-2004. The highlight reel is impressive and reassuring.

Six hundred and ninety-seven alumni, from the 15th through 50th reunions, registered, the most ever. The Classes of 1974 (45th) and 1999 (20th) shattered the record for attendance in those reunion years. We had over 1,173 people on campus. Large and lively is an apt description.

Our friend Jim Farrar '74, senior advisor to President Will Dudley, gave a very fine keynote address in Lee Chapel at the Opening Assembly, taking us down memory lane under his theme that W&L leaders have blended well the concepts of constancy and necessary changes. ODK tapped Roddy Roediger '69, Maurice "Moe" Cole '94, Mai Spurlock Sykes '94, Jenny Elmes '91, and Randolph Hare, retiring head of facilities management, as honorary members. (Read their bios at go.wlu.edu.2019ODK)

Friday morning, former Rector Phil Norwood '69 moderated a lively panel of students, faculty and alumni who looked at the university over the last 50 years. It was interesting to track changes and affirm central values.

Larry Boetsch '69, former acting W&L president and professor emeritus, spoke to the Friends of the Library, and professors Karla Murdoch and Bob Strong, and Lynn Rainville, the new director of Institutional History, presented in "alumni classrooms." Large tents prevented severe thunderstorms from dampening high spirits at eight class dinners on Friday night.

At the Annual Meeting of the Alumni Association, we elected Stephanie R. Wolfe '99 as incoming president, Parke Ellis, '81, as vice president, and six talented new members of the Association Board: Heather Brock '91, Tampa; Victoria Choksi '10, London; Randy Ellis '86, Richmond; William Litton '04, Dallas; Dan McMenamin '06, New York City; and Lindsey Strachan '09, Richmond.

The Association's highest honor, the Distinguished Alumni Award, went to Billy Ball '69, Rick McMillan '69 and Betsy Berkheimer Pakenas '94. (Read their bios at go.wlu.edu/2019DAA).

Alumni enjoyed themselves, rain or shine. Many people who had not been to campus in some years liked what they saw, and Will Dudley's remarks at breakfast on Saturday were very well-received by several hundred alumni.

In my 2017 column, I expressed the hope and belief that Will Dudley and the Board of Trustees would make decisions in the best long-term interests of the university and that W&L would see continuing stability, strength, civility, respect, honor, excellence and forward progress in the years ahead. W&L does not take anything for granted, and we respect the different perspectives in our extended community. For a couple of centuries, a critical ingredient of W&L's success and strength is the respect and high engagement of our alumni. Alumni Weekend was strong evidence that we have much to celebrate. Thank you!

BEAU DUDLEY '74, '79L, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF ALUMNI ENGAGEMENT

Alumni were amazingly generous in their reunion giving, breaking numerous records thanks to the stout efforts of reunion committee co-chairs and 140 committee volunteers.

A new record of more than \$1.7 million to the Annual Fund and more than \$5,721,000 in five-year pledges.

The 20th, 25th and 50th reunion classes all set new single-year reunion Annual Fund records.

The class of 1989 became the youngest class to raise \$1 million in single- and five-year Annual Fund commitments.

The 25th Reunion Gift from the Class of 1994 was historic: \$4,665,900 total raised, and three other records broken.

The dazzling 50th reunion gift from Class of 1969 set a new record of \$13,267,450, going to support the restoration of Doremus, the James Leyburn Honor Scholarship, the Annual Fund and more. The class set six other records and four members of the class joined four other classmates on the Honored Benefactors Wall.



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1. President Will Dudley (center) is flanked by the newest members of the Honored Benefactors Wall, l. to r.: Billy Ball '69, Tom Atkins '69, Dudley, Phil Norwood '69 and Rick McMillan '69. Ball was honored alongside his wife, Chris; Norwood with wife Marianne; and McMillan with wife Lynne.



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2. James D. Farrar Jr. '74 gives the keynote address during the opening assembly of Alumni Weekend 2019.



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3. From l. to r.: J. Scott Fechnay '69, Billy Ball '69, John A. Wolf '69, '72L, L. Richards McMillan II '69 and Philip W. Norwood '69 present the 50th reunion class gift to President Will Dudley.

4. 25th reunion chairs Robert J. MacNaughton '94 and Elizabeth Berkheimer Pakenas '94 present their class gift to President Will Dudley.

"When our group met back in September to begin planning our event, there were many consistent themes to describe our W&L experiences," said reunion co-chair Robby McNaughton. "Classmates described it as 'idyllic,' or 'the best four years of my life.' And yet one of our classmates, Maurice Cole, was brave enough to tell us about his own experience at W&L. It was a troubling and difficult four years, and yet Maurice so loved W&L that he was back here on campus to eagerly serve on our committee.

"After hearing Maurice's words, our group decided to ask if there were strategic priorities that would speak to the story we had just heard. When Dean Tammy Futrell spoke to us about the Office of Inclusion and Engagement (OIE), we all knew that this was something that we wanted to put our name on. OIE would do so many things to make the school better, but for us in the room, I think what we were hearing was that it could go a long way to making the school that same idyllic place that we all loved when we were here, for as many people as possible. If it could do that, it would truly be a worthy project."



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1. Alumni Association President Alicia Hay Matthai '91 (right) passes the gavel to Alumni Association President-elect Stephanie Wolfe '99.
2. Cheering for their favorite horse during the Kentucky Derby party.
3. The Class of 1994.
4. Randolph Hare, who retired as executive director of university facilities, gave a talk on the physical changes to W&L's campus over the years. This aerial shot is from the early 1970s.
5. Larry Alexander '74 was on campus to celebrate his 45th reunion.
6. Nyla Gavia '22 (yellow shirt) joined alumnae at the Leadership and Networking Brunch.
7. Class of 1974 Brunch. From l. to r., Marvin Daniel, John Zamoiski and Steve Hagey.
8. Jennifer Ray McCluskey '94, Blair Hixson Davis '94 and Jennifer Roscoe Smith '94 enjoyed lunch on Cannan Green.

REUNION AWARDS

Reunion Bowl (highest percentage of classmates registered): Class of 1994

Reunion Trophy (greatest number of classmates registered): Class of 1999

Reunion Traveller Award (reunionist traveling the furthest distance to campus): Malcolm Kendall '84, Vancouver, Canada

John Newton Thomas Trophy (largest percentage increase in Annual Fund commitments over the previous year): Class of 1989

Trident Trophy (highest percentage of class participation in the Annual Fund): Class of 1969

Reunion Chairs' Bowl (highest percentage of reunion registrants participating in the Annual Fund): Class of 1999

Colonnade Cup (largest reunion gift to the Annual Fund): Class of 1989

Class of 1994 Reunion Records

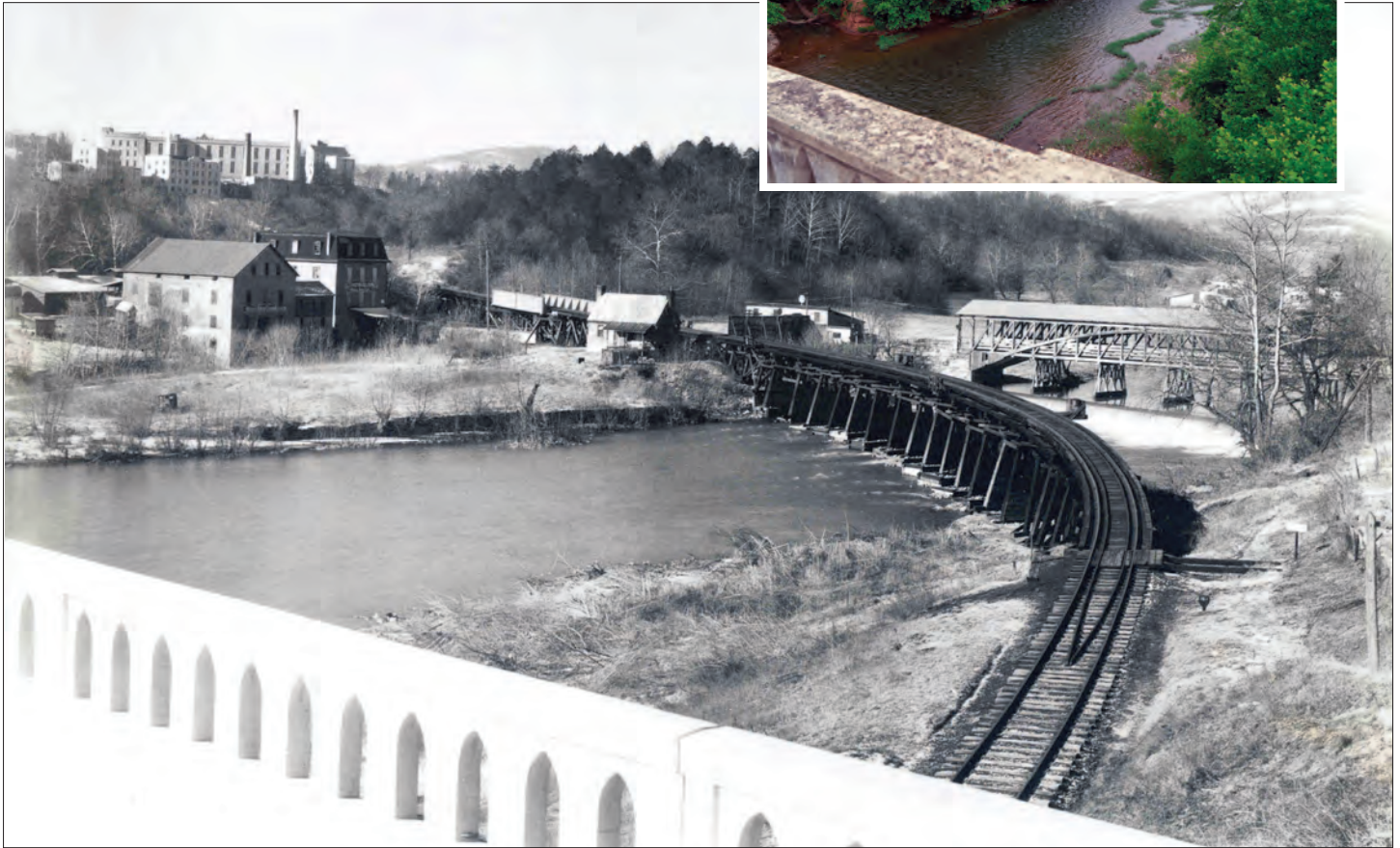
- Total Giving: \$4,665,900
- Single-year Annual Fund Gift: \$218,000
- Five-year Annual Fund Gift: \$881,000
- Leadership Donors: nine reunion gifts of \$100,000 or more

Class of 1969 Reunion Records

- Total Giving: \$13,267,450

- Class Project: \$5,139,408 to two projects: Doremus Gymnasium restoration (\$1,500,000) and the Class of 1969 James Leyburn Honor Scholarship (\$3,640,148)
- Outright Giving (cash and five-year pledges): \$8.6 million
- Single-year Annual Fund Gift: \$292,305
- Five-year Annual Fund Gift: \$885,755
- Leadership Donors: six reunion gifts of \$1 million or more, 40 gifts of \$10,000 or more

CHRONICLES



HOYT COLLECTION, W&L SPECIAL COLLECTIONS AND ARCHIVES

A Point In History

BY ERICA TURMAN

Who hasn't floated or paddled down the Maury River, particularly above the dam at the Jordan's Point Historic District? Remembered more by W&L alumni for its recreational facilities, the point is the birthplace of Lexington's industrial and transportation industries.

Jordan's Point was purchased in 1810 by John Jordan and John Moorhead. In its prime, it was home to a merchant mill, cotton factory, tilt hammer shop and numerous other businesses powered by the Maury River. By 1860, the point had become the end of the line for the North River

Navigation Co. Canal and a small, but booming, area of Lexington. The area suffered losses in the Civil War when the Union Army burned some structures in 1864, but the point was rebuilt and rechristened Beechenbrook. A rail line was installed over the river in the 19th century, and W&L students rode the train to campus from Buena Vista.

Today, two properties remain within the former historic district – Miller's House (now a museum) and Beechenbrook Chapel – while the rest of the property is used as playing fields and picnic grounds, not to mention a fantastic launching pad for aquatic activities.

Over the last few years, the 120-year-old dam at Jordan's Point Park became the center of local controversy. Considered a safety hazard and citing repairs that would cost the city millions, Lexington's city council voted to remove it in 2017. The demolition also offered the chance to restore and improve the river's current ecosystem, often studied by students in W&L's Environmental Studies Program.

This past May, after several starts and stops, the dam came down. As one visitor to the point remarked in *The Lexington News-Gazette*, "People don't like change in general, and this is a lot of change."



The Krouskos family (l. to r.): Kaitlin '17, Brian '16, Steve, Stephanie, Kamela and Chase '21.

Parents Leadership Council: Investing in Educational Opportunities

BY AMANDA MINIX

FOR STEVE AND KAMELA KROUSKOS P'16, '17, '21, investing in W&L is nothing new. In fact, with two children who are young alumni and one who is a rising junior, they have been part of the parent community since 2012. But their investment goes beyond supporting their own children's education. The Krouskoses are chairs of Washington and Lee's Parents Leadership Council and serve to encourage and inspire other parents to make gifts that benefit every single student.

"The Parents Fund opens doors to better living environments, improved study areas, high-tech classrooms and a broad variety of educational opportunities that extend beyond the physical classroom," Kamela Krouskos said. "We feel that paying it forward is what will continue to make W&L an excellent place for higher learning."

The Krouskoses joined the Parents Leadership Council in their son Brian's first year and have been loyal leadership donors and active members since then, making welcome calls to parents of admitted students and helping to foster the strong sense of community that is such an integral part of the W&L experience. Getting to connect with other parents provides a supportive network of people who share the same interests, hopes and concerns for their children, Krouskos explained. The Parents Leadership Council also provides even more opportunities for parents to develop relationships with faculty and staff. "It's the difference

that W&L provides that allows us to feel like we are part of the community, are recognized, have connections on campus and experience firsthand the high-achieving learning environment benefiting our children," she said.

Brian, a 2016 graduate, was their first to fall in love with W&L, and he worked to recruit his sister Kaitlin, who graduated in 2017. Chase, who will begin his junior year in the fall, followed suit. "He was ready to follow in his big brother's footsteps from the moment he saw the campus Brian's first year," Krouskos shared. "Chase observed the opportunities, both academically and professionally, that were presented to Brian and Kaitlin, and he wanted the same." Their daughter Stephanie is a University of Georgia graduate. Some W&L staff have joked that she is "the one who got away." Brian works for private equity firm Sun Capital, and Kaitlin is an analyst for Porsche Financial Services.

In addition to supporting the Parents Fund, Steve and Kamela Krouskos have also made leadership contributions to support the Ruscio Center for Global Learning at Washington and Lee. Philanthropy is meaningful to the Krouskoses for many reasons, and it is a lesson they hope will make a lasting impression. "It's important to give back, and that is what we wanted our children to learn from our generosity," Krouskos said. "We hope it is something they will continue in their lives."

SCENE ON CAMPUS



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1. Morgan Patterson '21, Ella Rose '19 and Rose Maxwell '20 teach Annjoy Gichane '21 how to paddleboard on the Maury River.

2. Students gather on the Front Lawn for the Amnesty International vigil for victims of the Christchurch shooting. Photo by Maya Lora '20

3. Congrats to the Class of 2019!

4. Baccalaureate speaker Kerry Egan '95 with President Will Dudley.

5. Burr Datz '75 (far right) leads W&L's Bluegrass Ensemble in concert.

6. On its way to the national championships, the Screaming Minks rugby team defeated VMI for the first time in 16 years. Read the story at go.wlu.edu/rugby.