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Your Turn

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• What Dickinson faculty or staff member had the biggest impact on your experience as a student? How so?

• What is your favorite piece of Dickinson memorabilia? It can be something you still wear/display/use, or even something tucked away in a box in the attic!

Email your response to Editor Lauren Davidson (davidsol@dickinson.edu).
Greek legend held that swans sing a beautiful song just before they die. I’m planning on sticking around, and a beautiful song is not in my wheelhouse, but this is my swan song as Alumni Council president. Years ago, the G-man paid me to accompany my classmate Bill Nickey, a real musician. Today, the Octals and the Crescendevils would ask me to lip-sync.

Of course, the last 16 months have made it hard to sing anything but a lament. I think of Psalm 137: “How can we sing the Lord’s song in a foreign land?” We have not been exiled to Babylon, but in many ways we have become strangers in our own land. How does one sing a song of joy in a so-called black swan pandemic?

That may be challenging, but that is my goal. And, perhaps because I have my boots on the ground in Carlisle, it will be more palatable. I’d like to think that as your president, I’m in the right place at the right time. We can only rely so much on Zoom. You need to hear from one of your own who walks around the campus and stands six feet from students, faculty and administration. We all need to see things for ourselves, and that time will come soon enough.

For now, trust me that if we stick together, we’ll make it. As a townie, I assure you that there’s life behind the limestone walls, Old West is still standing, the Denny Hall bell rings and students still toss Frisbees on the Benjamin Rush Campus. As an adjunct professor, I am inspired every class by truly engaged students (and an alumni auditor—thanks, Melissa), whether they’re on Zoom or in person.

Finally, trust that your Alumni Council will continue to strengthen the connection among alumni, students and the college. The AC will help fortify an institution that has weathered the storms for almost 240 years and has no intention of singing anything but “Noble Dickinsonia!”
The Mermaid Society honors loyal Dickinsonians who consistently give back to the college every year. More than 6,000 alumni, parents, students and friends have joined the ranks of the Mermaid Society.

Last year, gifts from Mermaid Society members accounted for 65% of total giving to the college.

Thank you to all of our Mermaids for their incredible loyalty to Dickinson!

For more information about the Mermaid Society, visit dickinson.edu/mermaidsociety.

JOIN US!
As we have all endured the pandemic for more than a year, there has been advice on endless ways in which to power through it. Along with that advice came repeated phrases offering comfort, including “We are here for you.” That general statement was reassuring for the first few times, but after repetition from assorted sources, it tended to lose its meaning. For example, in the mail I received information from a large, well-known bank that proclaimed in large type, “We are here for you.” How nice—but they are not my bank, so what do they plan to do for me? Also, a big name in the pet-food industry felt that they were here for me, too. Were they planning to send me a bag of kibbles or perhaps some seafood snacks? No, thank you; sadly, my pet died three years ago. As with most situations, injecting a bit of humor is a good coping mechanism. There was a video from Spain in which there was community Bingo being played from open porches of a multi-level apartment building, with letters and numbers shouted out loudly. Closer to home was a video of two men living in side-by-side apartments, playing paddle ball as they leaned out of their respective windows. Creativity also reached cartoons for a laugh, as a talking dog spoke to his master, who was unhappily wearing a vet’s cone around his head. The dog said, “It’s for your own good. You must stop touching your face.” Out of most bad, there can come some good if you look for it. Sweatpants have become the outfit du jour—no need to go to the mall. Family meals have gone from one extreme to the other, with gourmet ones resulting from having much time for experimenting to three nights of pizza in a row, as the spark of creativity slowly dimmed. Everyone has a story, but one thing remains unchanged for everyone in our class: We are here for you!

We very much appreciate Marcia Barndt Gobrecht ’59’s sharing the following on Wilbur “Goby” Gobrecht: “Goby celebrated his 90th birthday last November with a car parade of family, friends and neighbors. In all about 60 people came by to wish him happy birthday, including many Dickinsonians who live in the area. He also received emails, phone calls and cards from former students, players, fraternity brothers and Raven’s Claw brothers. It was amazing to see the outpouring of good wishes from Dickinsonians, and he really enjoyed it. We thank all who sent them and appreciate their thoughtfulness.”

As Geo C. Kaplan annually gathers his remembrances from the past year, he expresses regret in having lost two fraternity brothers, Eddie Bermas and Jerry Weinstein, as well as two other close friends. In the second week of January 2020, George enjoyed a five-day visit with family, not knowing it would be the last of his traveling for the year. Life at Kittay House involved his usual interests, but March saw a radical change, as we have all seen in our own lives and situations—the dining room was closed, and three meals a day were delivered to the apartments. Usual activities were canceled as facilities closed for COVID safety measures. Geo is appreciative of the health care workers and staff, realizing that life has changed for the moment. Passover was observed with two virtual Seders, and late in April began family Zooms on a weekly basis. July marked George’s 90th birthday celebration, complete with outdoor video and printed tributes. Fast-forward to Thanksgiving with seven family members observing the holiday, outside, complete with sweaters and caps. It was a classic meal by candlelight under the stars.

Finally got feedback from one of our long-lost classmates—and I hope it can serve as an example of why we are thrilled to hear from those who gave us so many happy memories—and added to our follow-ups, conducted live at our class meeting and at dinner at our last reunion.

Bernie Banks writes, “It has only been 53 years since we last spoke. I am pleased that you’ve taken the interest to keep the class of ’57 alive in Dickinson Magazine. Too many, like myself, scan it, look for class of ’57 news, which unfortunately is too sparse of input, and then flip to the obituaries. It has been a long time since I visited campus. Perhaps 1965 was the last. When they ripped down the Phi Psi house, built cinderblock fraternity quads and grew increasingly ‘progressive,’ I lost interest. I am working full time as president of American Asphalt Paving Co. along with my three children. We have 152 employees, two quarries, two asphalt plants and a construction division that services municipalities, PennDOT and commercial customers throughout northeastern Pennsylvania. My wife, Claudette, and I enjoy our five grandchildren, ages 14 through 21. They are all in school and, thank God, are all very talented. My active avocations include the Pennsylvania Economy League, the local Boy Scouts Council, the Dallas, Pa., Kiwanis Club and golf.”
Bob Watson has made use of the past year to dramatically increase his book reading.

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Bill Corey says there is not much new (except vaccinations) due to the COVID-19 lockdown. However, he reports an interesting fact: By the time you read this, he will have seven great-grandchildren!

Don O’Neill is still authoring! He had an article published in the Nov./Dec. 2020 issue of Defense Acquisition, Technology and Logistics magazine titled “Acquisition Sustainability Within a Globalized Industrial Base.” Don says it might meet the needs of Dickinson’s new disaster-preparation graduate program.

Bob Watson rues that due to the pandemic there have been “no big family Thanksgiving dinners, no Christmas parties, no visits to restaurants, libraries and so on. At this time of year, I’m usually on a cruise, or at least in South Florida for a few weeks.” On the other hand, he can offer a list of recommended books—way over and above what he would normally have read!

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Barbara Sook Leone writes, “In January 2020, I had the good fortune to be able to travel to the Galapagos Islands with the Dickinson alumni association. There were about 22 people in the group, including two earth-sciences professors who gave wonderful lectures each night. We flew to Ecuador on the west coast of Central America and then flew west in a smaller plane to pick up the ship to tour the islands for eight days. There were no docks, so we had to travel from the ship via large Zodiac dinghies to either sandy beaches or volcanic rocks. Everyone had to wear water shoes to walk ashore on the beaches. The animals have no natural predators, so they will come quite close to you. Waiting for the sea turtles to come ashore at sunset was an unusual experience. I am so grateful I had this experience and was the oldest alum in the group!”

1960
Bob Pence’s new book, My Non-Political FBI: From Hoover to a Violent America, was published by the Fulcrum Group. Bob shares his experiences as an FBI agent, along with bureau history, and comments on the troubling trend he sees of violence in America.

Congratulations to Mermaid Society members Richard Steel ’63 and Lorraine Howe Fenton ’67 for celebrating 50 years of giving to Dickinson.

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We celebrate the loyal support of Ed Rockman ’63, a member of the Old West Society who died last year. Ed graduated from Dickinson with a degree in economics. He was a member of Sigma Alpha Epsilon and studied accounting. He received his MBA from the University of Pittsburgh in 1964 and went to work at Bachrach, Sanderbeck & Co. He became a CPA soon thereafter. Throughout his career, he provided guidance to a multitude of Pittsburgh small businesses and was a force in setting standards for the profession. He established two funds at Dickinson. Through his estate, he established the Edward F. Rockman ’63 Scholarship Fund, to provide scholarship support for worthy students with demonstrated financial need. He and his wife, Mary Ellen, also established the Manley and Helen Rockman Annual Scholarship in honor of his parents, who gave him the opportunity to attend Dickinson. Ed shared in an interview before he died that his Dickinson education “has been invaluable to me. I was quite fortunate to have had parents who had both the ability and the inclination to fully fund my education. This was a privilege that I would like to help others have as well. That is why I have set up a scholarship in memory of my parents. I have included Dickinson in my estate plans for the same reasons.” Thank you, Mr. Rockman, for your incredible generosity and forethought to support scholarships at Dickinson, and thank you, Mary Ellen, for carrying on Ed’s legacy of support.

1964

Thomas Christ finds his bliss in racing MINI Coopers and RVing on the open road.

A brief 57-year catch-up with Thomas Christ, AXP and Black Hat, reminds us he left after his junior year to go to Temple University Dental School, then to Penn, Emory, OSU and College of Medicine in New Jersey. Oral pathology has been his passion, collecting a master’s along the way. He returned to Columbus, Ohio, to start his own practice in 1976. He retired from the Naval Reserve as a commander after 22 years. He lost his high-school sweetheart and wife after 40 great years in 2007. But he decided to take a mulligan in 2012. He is now also racing MINI Coopers ... to relax!? Since COVID, he too has joined the RV family and is anxious to “get on the road again,” as Willie Nelson would say. Happy trails, Tom!

Linell Davis reports that she’s retired and living in Madison, Wis. From 1987 to 2010, she taught at three universities in China and spent one year in Tajikistan while writing a book, Doing Culture: Cross-cultural Communication in Action. “Not bad for a 59-year-old lady!” You go, girl!

Susan Goodwin Koenig writes, “Greetings from sunny Gulfport, Fla. In this time of COVID, there isn’t anything much to report! I’m longing to go to concerts and movies, plays and museums, but I am trying to stay outdoors as much as possible. Fortunately, that isn’t too difficult here. Last year my 60th high-school reunion was canceled, my plans to attend the Democratic National Convention were also crushed, a wonderful trip to Sicily reluctantly put on hold and everything I enjoy in Northern Michigan where I homestead was canceled, though mercifully not the beaches nor the neighbors’ and my decks. Tom Means ’65 and his wife are in Naples, and I usually spend some time with them, but we haven’t yet had our vaccinations. Florida has been very disorganized on that count. Same for Jan Endrizzi Wilson and husband Dave ’63, who also snowbird here. We’re hoping to meet up in Port Charlotte before they head back to Pennsylvania in April. I can report that Pat Hughes Winters is spending the chilly winter in Des Moines, Iowa, and Patti First Taub ’63 is freezing in Portland, Maine.”

Robert Hindle reports that he and his wife have taken advantage of the offer to audit Dickinson’s remote classes. “Since we live in Arizona, we have to Zoom in fairly early, but we have both greatly enjoyed the courses and think our teachers are doing a high-quality job. The ‘real’ students in the classes seem totally unfazed by having classmates the age of their grandparents ... or perhaps are just being polite.”

Jeannie Jones Lumpkin isn’t letting COVID slow her down despite having to cancel a Viking river cruise from Amsterdam to Budapest. She and husband Allen ’62 play music every day themselves or with other musician friends and are even doing some recordings of country and bluegrass flavors. She also continues to Zoom with 10-12 Dickinson gal pals. The RV is parked for this winter, but soon they’ll get back on the road.

Ellicott City, Md., is home to Lee Hafer Picton, and she has had a year Job would not wish on anyone—death, sickness, injuries, etc. Yet Lee says she is “quiet and comfortable, and it could be a lot worse.” Did we vote Lee as class optimist?

Virginia “Ginny” Sutton Shoff continues to Zoom with the same group as Jeannie Jones Lumpkin, and they have included some class of ’62 and ’63 alums to their group. That Blue Hat leadership marches on.
John Thomas is pursuing his goal to ski 21 days this year.

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Welcome to these new members of the Mermaid Society, which celebrates loyal Dickinsonians who consistently give back to the college: Doug Hartzell ’69 and Richard Kolb ’69.

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Congratulations to Mermaid Society member Scott Johnson ’67, P’07, who is celebrating 25 years of consecutive giving to Dickinson.
Betsy Kent recently got in touch to share news about her McIntyre housemates. When our 50th reunion was canceled, Betsy and friends, along with a few spouses, got together for a two-hour Zoom call. (See picture, Page 34.) Participating were Kathy Strowder Gray, Betsy (B.J.) Kent with husband Sam Hickman, Pamela McKay and D’Arcy Fugate Danielson with husband Jeff ’71. They enjoyed the opportunity to catch up but sadly missed the company of Catherine Tully Millard, who lives in Dunblane, Scotland, and Susan Rosenfeld, who lived in Niger, Africa, until her recent death (see obituary on Page 47). Betsy added, “We also think of other dear friends such as Sue Richardson Borchardt and Frances Williams Pernell on this side of the veil, and Joy Carp Koch and Marcia Stradley on the other side.”

Our other class correspondent, Bruce Barton, has been swamped at work during this pandemic. He has been running several COVID-19 studies, including testing point-of-care devices that give quick results on whether a person is positive or negative. But he has also gained unexpected work from the fact that medical clinicians, with canceled office visits, had free time to envision new research projects. As the expert on the statistical part of the grant process, Bruce has been much in demand.

Sue Rosenfeld, whom Betsy referenced, died in October 2020 (see obituary on Page 47). In 1977, she joined the Peace Corps and volunteered in Senegal, and from that beginning she resides in Africa the rest of her life. She studied in Burundi on a Foreign Study program. Throughout those years, she mentored numerous Americans who worked and traveled in Africa and facilitated U.S. college educations, including at Dickinson, for African students. Her influence was widespread and profound, as evidenced by the hundreds of tributes that I was privileged to read. Susan was a regular follower of this column and took me to task any time there was an empty page! She cared about Dickinson passionately and was assuming she would be honored at our 50th as “The Person Who Traveled the Farthest.” I had already started searching for a makeshift trophy so as not to disappoint her.

1971

Pierce Bounds and wife Donna Williams ’74 celebrated their 45th wedding anniversary on Oct. 18 with daughters Juli and Margaret, son-in-law Joey and granddaughter Rosemary in attendance. See picture, Page 34.

Members of 10 fraternity houses gathered to discuss efforts to support Project SHARE, which helps support those in need in the Carlisle community. Those who joined via Zoom included David Haag ’73 (Kappa Sigma), John Heath (Alpha Chi Rho), Dean Chamberlin (Sigma Chi), John Nikoloff ’72 (Beta Theta Pi) and Bob Weed ’80 (Sigma Chi). See picture, Page 34.

Mark Lichty writes, “I would like to share something that may be useful to many men. I have prostate cancer and have been on active surveillance (AS), i.e., no intervention, for 16 years. We founded an international organization to help men navigate AS. See www.aspatients.org for more information.”

1972

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Sherry Rothenberger Knowlton’s new novel, Dead on the Delta, was published by Sunbury Press in February. It’s the fifth book in the Alexa Williams suspense series. Read more in Fine Print, Page 6.

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As I write this, my governor has changed restrictions to recommendations and allowed all restaurants to return to full capacity. Hopefully, they won’t be restricted again by the time you are reading it. So, for those of you who are not on Facebook or haven’t given the alumni office a current email, please drop us a comment with how you came through the three-month quarantine that extended to 15 months of restrictions. In our rural area it was easy to isolate. I bought a better cellphone and logged a lot more time on both the phone and internet. I read Kindle books and participated in Zoom meetings and some of the great programs Dickinson offered online. I wrote newsletters for several of my groups and did experience a little social-distanced camping with one of my camping clubs. It was nice to have so many churches online. I was able to hear some of my former pastors preach without missing services at my church. It has been difficult not being able to volunteer or visit friends in the hospital, nursing home or independent living. Even though the pool was closed almost half the time, I have stayed healthy. Besides the following notes, I also heard from Dawn Cooper Rosso and Cindy McNicholas that they all are well and will write later.
A. Pierce Bounds '71 and wife Donna Williams '74 celebrated their 45th wedding anniversary on Oct. 18 with daughter Juli Bounds (left), Dickinson costume studio manager; son-in-law Joey Dean; and daughter Margaret Bounds holding granddaughter Rosemary Jeannette Bounds Dean.

McIntyre House alumna held a mini 50th reunion on Zoom. Top, from left: Kathy “Kacey” Strowder Gray '70, and Betsy “BJ” Kent '70 with husband Sam Hickman. Bottom, from left: Pamela Redfield McKay '70 and D'Arcy Fugate Danielson '70 with husband Jeff Danielson '71. Read more, Page 33.

Members of 10 fraternity houses gathered on Zoom to discuss efforts to support Project SHARE. Top row, from left: Joe Kloza (Project SHARE), Bob Weed '80 and John Nikoloff '72. Bottom row, from left: David Haag '73, John Heath '71 and Dean Chamberlin '71. Read more, Page 33.

Nathan '06 and Kimberly Dingman Fry '06 and family went on a hiking trip in Popova Shopka, North Macedonia. Pictured with children, from left: Annaliesa, Eric and Isabel. Read more, Page 41.
Geoff Coe (Alpha Chi Rho) is working on a book about the history of Crow’s Phi Beta chapter with fellow alum John “Hector” Heath ‘71. It will include text and photographs from chapter history and Alumni/IFC Weekends over the years.

Jean Colby writes, “Since retiring five years ago, I have gone on four Habitat for Humanity-type trips—twice to Paraguay (once with my daughter), Guatemala and Puerto Rico. My trip to Peru last May was canceled. They were definitely ‘wow’ experiences that I would highly recommend to anyone. At home, I am the volunteer responsible for the historic daylily display garden at the historical society with over 200 plants. I’m waiting patiently for my daughter and son-in-law to make me a grandmother.”

“After the psychotherapy group I was part of became a victim of the pandemic, a group of us formed Trinitas Counseling here in Cincinnati, Ohio—a smaller, more agile practice that continues our mission of spiritually integrated psychotherapy,” Clark Echols writes. “It is very fulfilling to be of service to people in this way and yet distressing that more people than we can serve are seeking help. Find ways to take care of yourself and your loved ones! Help is out there.”

Tom Green retired from urologic practice four years ago in Seattle. He studied medicine in the Philippines and graduated from Rutgers Medical School, followed by residency at OHSU in Portland, Ore. Since retiring, he has enjoyed playing tennis, playing and writing music and cooking up a storm. He also learned how to use the vacuum cleaner and dishwasher. He’s looking forward to restarting international travel. He took on the responsibility of being the medical editor of an online magazine, The Fresh Toast, and more recently volunteered as a COVID vaccinator in Seattle.

David Johnson reports, “Mary Beth Habas Johnson ’75 and I became the ultimate virtual workers—taking working remotely to a new level. Since October we’ve been living in Scottsdale, Ariz., while working full time in Pittsburgh. With my trial practice, all trials have been canceled and all depositions, mediations, motions and meetings have been via Zoom. Mary Beth’s community college court reporting classes went online, and as a result she has taught students from every part of the country, not just Allegheny County. So we adjourn to our respective office rooms for about 10 hours each day and emerge for some outside exercise and then dinner and an evening together. And the weather has been great!”

Harry Lewis shared, “Last March, I fled the pandemic in NYC to take up residence in Northumberland, Pa., which provided refuge to the English scientist, Unitarian theologian and political radical Joseph Priestley. Priestley was known as a ‘universal genius’ in England for his discovery of oxygen and won a gold medal from the Royal Society for his invention of carbonated water. He was a close friend of Benjamin Franklin and Thomas Jefferson and an English sympathizer of the American and French Revolutions. He was part of the Bowood circle, an 18th-century think tank that supported future British Prime Minister Lord Shelburne, who as prime minister negotiated the Treaty of Paris, which granted America its independence. He fled England for Pennsylvania when an Anglican mob burned his house and laboratory in Birmingham in the Priestley Riots of 1791. In Pennsylvania, he settled in Northumberland in 1794 and died there in 1804. His close friend Thomas Cooper, from Northumberland, learned chemistry from him and was first chairman of the Dickinson College chemistry department. Cooper, in turn, was arrested by President John Adams under the Alien and Sedition Acts for his political attacks on the Adams administration but was later released by President Jefferson. Dickinson has many Priestley artifacts in its special collections, as well as much of his private library. I joined the board of directors of the Friends of the Priestley House Museum in January and hope to partner with Dickinson’s Archives & Special Collections for future exhibitions about Priestley.”

Steve Meyer writes, “Thanks to Dickinson Magazine for keeping open lines of communication with the class of ’74. It looks like we will probably not see each other again until 2024, given all that’s been happening in the interim. Still, that’s a worthy goal to look forward to. Nothing exciting to report from Miami, unless you consider canceled trips and lots of home cooking exciting. All I can report is that I now have my complete vaccination and hope the rest of the country attains that milestone soon.”

Jean Colby serves as the overseer of the historic daylily display garden at her historical society.
Jeff Di Iuglio credits his year abroad with Dickinson in Bologna for contributing to his lifelong passion for Italian films.

Philip McGillivary reports, “The past year has been a year of ‘Blursdays.’ As science liaison for Coast Guard Pacific Area and U.S. icebreakers, being considered ‘essential personnel’ meant our travel was restricted to within 25 miles from home (and no overnights) for most of the past year. In terms of our ship operations, we had a heck of a time keeping COVID under control on the Coast Guard cutters in general and had to take extreme care to keep it off our icebreakers, given their work in remote polar regions. After two-week quarantines, we finally got scientists aboard our medium icebreaker Healy for work in the Arctic this summer, only to have an engine fire just a day out of Seward, Alaska, that canceled the trip north. Normally our other icebreaker, the Polar Star, which is the only heavy icebreaker in the U.S., would leave at the start of the austral summer (December) on its annual mission to help resupply the U.S. McMurdo Station in the Ross Sea, Antarctica. However, to be on the safe side, the National Science Foundation canceled the mission, so instead Polaris was sent north for an 80-day mission from December 2020 through February 2021, reaching 72 degrees N, the farthest north for our ships in winter. With Healy now repaired, we are getting ready to send it through the Northwest Passage to visit the new U.S. consulates in Nuuk, Greenland, and conduct climate research in Baffin Bay later this summer. So ... getting ready for another busy year of polar science!”

It has been a very full year for Ann Richardson Chmura. It was initially filled with uncertainty and fear while she worked at a local nursing home equipped with an N95 mask and face shield. For eight months the residents at the facility remained COVID-free. Then in November, COVID-19 surfaced and spread through the nursing home like wildfire, and too many of her patients became infected and died. She decided that it was not safe for her to be working at age 68 with so many COVID patients and retired in January. She was able to get the Moderna vaccine and started volunteering at COVID-19 vaccine clinics in Seneca County, N.Y., the county where she worked for the last 30 years. Her days are now hopeful as she tries to assist with the vaccination effort and as she now feels safe to visit her daughter and her family in New Hampshire.

Susan Rifkin writes, “I believe that stressful situations make us more of who we already are. At the beginning of the pandemic, my introverted self spent far more time with pets than people. Then I responded to a Facebook ad to recruit volunteers for the Phase 3 clinical study. I felt as if J&J, NIH & UPenn were my ‘home team’ and was happy to be their ‘lab rat.’ About three months after my double-blind injection, my county offered vaccines. Unblinding me confirmed I’d won the 50/50, and soon after that the FDA approved it.”

Kim Smith Spensley shared, “COVID has been a life-changer for everyone. Most difficult for my husband and me is keeping social distance from our beloved children and grandchildren. This is the story for so many of us! Our weekly schedule used to have care of grands as a main feature. These times have disrupted that pattern. My news is that, also due to these times and an open calendar, we are about to finish skiing the Catamount Trail, which is a backcountry ski trail that runs the length of Vermont—Massachusetts to Canada. We worked at it for five years. Climate change has given us some years of marginal conditions. This turned out, at last, to be an old-fashioned snowy winter. Skiing the trail has challenged us physically on many days but also has inspired us and increased our wonder of the natural world.”

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By now you know the celebration of our 45 years as alumni will not be in person on campus. We hope all classmates can join us for the 1976-specific virtual events planned by your committee of classmates. Dickinson has created several webinars showcasing Dickinson’s excellent faculty too. Good things are happening on campus, and today’s student body and faculty are impressive groups.
Larry Goldstein writes, “I just wrote my first web series. I used a play I had just completed about a memory-care facility, Serenity Hill, and upgraded the residents to assisted living so they could use Zoom technology. We created two seasons of Serenity Hill in the Pandemic on YouTube. It’s a heartful, irreverent and funny journey from May through November 2020 through the quarantined perspectives of residents, the staff and their families. Meanwhile, please reach out to your family and friends in nursing facilities and keep making art.”

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Robert Long has been named the treasurer for the Murphy for Governor campaign in New Jersey. He has nearly 40 years of organizational management experience spanning the private sector, government, nonprofits and campaigns, with a specialty in financial operations, budgeting, auditing and compliance. He recently served as a deputy commissioner at the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs, with a focus on Atlantic City’s municipal operations.

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Alison Bailey is the director of women's, gender and sexuality studies at Illinois State University. Her book, *The Weight of Whiteness: A Feminist Engagement With Privilege, Race and Ignorance* (Lexington Books, 2021), was published in February. It comes at a time when our nation is dealing with issues of race, once again. Read more in Fine Print, Page 6.

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Running on a law-and-order platform, Robert Berlin was reelected to his third term as State's Attorney of DuPage County, the second-largest county in Illinois. He was also reelected as Republican Precinct Committeeman. He took the oath of office, administered by Kenneth Popejoy, chief judge of the 18th Judicial Circuit in Illinois, on Dec. 7, with his wife, Carolyn, by his side. He and his wife reside in Downers Grove, Ill.

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Barbara Stauch Slusher was appointed to the board of directors at the Kennedy Krieger Institute. The institute works to improve the lives of children, adolescents and adults with disorders and injuries of the nervous system. She is the director of Johns Hopkins Drug Discovery and professor of neurology, pharmacology and molecular sciences, psychiatry, neuroscience, medicine and oncology at Johns Hopkins School of Medicine.

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Hi, everyone! I hope you are doing well in these crazy times. I am looking forward to serving as the new class rep. After graduation (policy management studies, Spanish), I returned to Pittsburgh where I currently practice employment law. I am proud to continue the Dickinson tradition in the family with my daughter who is a freshman this year. It would be great to hear from you! Please let me know what you’re up to and where you’re doing it. Let’s show we are Dickinson strong!

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David Brower is the new executive director of PineCone, the Piedmont Council of Traditional Music. The Raleigh, N.C., nonprofit produces concerts, festivals and facilitated jam sessions designed to bring people together with bluegrass, old time and other forms of traditional folk music. This new career comes after 30 years of work at NPR stations in North Carolina and New Mexico.

Laura Petrovich-Cheney’s work *All the Light Within* was chosen for the Toledo Museum of Art’s new exhibition, “Radical Tradition: American Quilts and Social Change.” The exhibit includes many nationally known artists, and the quilts on view embody activism and raise questions about current societal conditions.

Jim Tricoll has been named managing director at Raymond James. Based outside Philadelphia, he will provide professional counsel to the head of public finance/debt investment banking and his senior managers as they look to expand the firm’s practice across the country.

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Megan Kane-Mangol and Kristin Zwemer (married to Dickinson Professor of Biology Charles Zwemer) recently celebrated the first anniversary of their speech and physical therapy clinic, Harmony in Motion, in Carlisle. The clinic offers therapy and wellness services to treat a wide variety of disorders, with specialization in working with individuals with Parkinson's disease and those recovering from stroke and head injury. Bridget Fontaine ’22 is completing an internship at the clinic during the spring semester as she prepares to pursue a career in speech language pathology.
High School for Science and Technology in Alexandria, Va. Chris continues to work as a research scientist for the Navy. We would love to welcome our class of '96 friends for a visit if you find yourselves in the Washington, D.C., area. We're hoping our backyard landscaping can be completed this spring so that we can host some socially distant, post-vaccination time outdoors with friends, especially once we add in some Dickinson-inspired red Adirondack chairs! Looking forward to hearing some news from you soon!

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Vanessa Conti Schwartz is living in Westfield, N.J., with her husband and three teenage sons. She is a small-business consultant at the N.J. Small Business Development Center at Kean University. She provides counsel to entrepreneurs looking to start a business, expand a business, seek financing and learn about the steps to owning and operating a profitable business. This past year, she has helped numerous small businesses deal with the impact of COVID and guided them through the relief programs made available through the CARES Act and various stimulus packages.

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Frank Ciprero was named a partner at the law firm Pond Lehocky. Having worked for the firm since 2010, he focuses his practice on Pennsylvania workers’ compensation law and protecting the rights of injured workers. He previously served as a legal intern for the Pennsylvania Office of the Attorney General in the Medicaid Fraud Control Division.

Patrick Cosgrove is the new chief lending officer at Alaska USA Federal Credit Union. He joins the firm with more than 25 years of credit union experience.

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Hello, class of 1996! The blank space where our class notes should have been has made me sad over the past few issues of the Dickinson Magazine, so I have volunteered to be our class correspondent. Our 25th reunion is scheduled for this summer, but the virtual setting may be disappointing for many of us who had hoped to travel to Carlisle to see each other face to face. I hope, then, you’ll take a moment to fill your fellow alumni in—tell us what you and your families have been up to. After earning my Ph.D. at the University of Maryland in 2014, I’ve been teaching in the English department at Thomas Jefferson University. Michelle Lang Boswell has stepped up to invite her class to share more news and to join her in D.C. for a safe, outdoor social.

In January, Jessica Kardish joined Seelos Therapeutics Inc. as vice president of clinical development and operations. She has over 25 years of drug development and operations experience in small and mid-size pharma companies, primarily in CNS and rare-disease spaces. She previously worked at Shire Pharmaceuticals, where she had a successful track record that included five global regulatory approvals.

Annie Hanna Engel, president and chief operating officer of Howard Hanna Insurance Services and chief legal officer of Hanna Holdings, was named one of RISMedia’s 2020 real estate newsmakers in the “Futurists” category, which recognizes forward thinkers in the real estate industry. She was nominated for her ongoing work in predicting and minimizing legal risks in the industry, as well as for directing insurance and warranty strategies to create “customers for life.”

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Ashley Lindsay Yuscavage was named Varsity Sports Network’s Volleyball Coach of the Decade.

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Cari Miller has been named manager of Zions Bank’s Lewiston, Idaho, branch, responsible for business development, customer service, community outreach and overall management of the branch and its staff. She has 22 years of leadership experience in banking, retail and the nonprofit sector.

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The Haverford School has named Mark Fifer as head of Upper School. He previously served as the interim head of Upper School. In this role, Mark oversees the operations of the Upper School division, which includes oversight of the academic program, leading Upper School faculty and staff and serving as a liaison to other divisions and departments within the school.

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Samuel Kieffer is the new vice president of public affairs for the American Farm Bureau Federation (AFBF), where he leads government relations, advocacy and AFBF’s team of economists. Previously, he served as chief administrative officer of the Pennsylvania Farm Bureau, where he led a staff of more than 80 professionals in representing and serving farm and rural families across Pennsylvania. He is also a 12-year veteran of the Pennsylvania Army National Guard, where he served as a logistics officer.

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The book Re-Engaging the Middle East, edited by Andy Miller and Dafna H. Rand, was published by Brookings Institution Press. It examines U.S. policy in the Middle East and possible long-term strategies. Read more in Fine Print, Page 6.

On Oct. 21, Jonathan Price was elected to a joint position as the John & Daria Barry Fellow of Pusey House and Pusey Fellow of St. Cross College, University of Oxford. Pusey House is the continuing home of the Oxford Movement. In these capacities, he is beginning a center for theology, law and culture.

Congratulations to Mermaid Society member Jason Looman ’96, who is celebrating 10 years of consecutive giving to Dickinson!

Noel and Jennifer Ruoff Pixley are excited that their son, Warren Pixley, will enter Dickinson as a freshman this fall as a member of the class of 2025.

Jeremy Skule was appointed executive vice president and chief strategy officer at Nasdaq. He leads the global strategy organization to drive strategic planning, divestitures, venture investing, mergers and acquisitions and NasdaqNext innovation, and he is responsible for the company’s positioning as an innovative data, technology and analytics leader. Joining Nasdaq in 2012, he led the global rebranding of Nasdaq to embrace its core strengths in data, analytics and technology. He previously led marketing and communications teams across the financial services industry.

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and universities have invested millions of dollars to safeguard against the spread of the coronavirus on their campuses, but Dickinson has also implemented a robust plan to protect the tenets of a quality liberal-arts education. All faculty and staff deserve to be recognized for their herculean efforts to help Dickinsonians during such difficult circumstances. I am pleased to share good news that some members of our class have continued to volunteer, provide financial contributions to nonprofit organizations and offer encouragement to others during this unprecedented time. One member of our class executive committee, who wishes to remain anonymous, reached out to me to share that he joined the John Dickinson Society for the first time (gift of $2,500 or larger on an annual basis). Thank you to all members of the class of 2007 for exemplifying what it means to be Dickinsonians. Like over 500,000 other families, I too have experienced personal loss due to the pandemic. This has been a tough year for so many people. Despite the trials and tribulations, I remain optimistic. There are brighter days ahead. One upcoming bright spot is our class reunion. I would love to be able to see each of you at our 15th class reunion in June 2022. There is a lot of time between now and then, but it is nice to have something to look forward to over the next few months. Best wishes for good health and happiness.

Matoli Keely was included in the “Best Wedding Photographers in America” list by Brides magazine. The annual list recognizes the top talent in the industry, “the photographers whose images—full of emotion, one-of-a-kind composition, and a general sense of awe—motivate us and, frankly, stop us in our tracks with a collective, woah.”

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Ashley Lindsay Yuscavage was highlighted in an article on Varsity Sports Network. An English teacher and varsity volleyball coach at Arundel High School, she has taken her team to states six times in nine years. Varsity Sports Network and The Baltimore Sun named Yuscavage Coach of the Year, and she was named Varsity Sports Network’s Volleyball Coach of the Decade.

2006
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Nathan and Kimberly Dingman Fry moved to North Macedonia in August 2020 for a military assignment with the U.S. Embassy in Skopje. Kim is teaching middle-school social studies at Nova International School, and Nathan works in the Office of Defense Cooperation in the U.S. embassy. Despite the pandemic, they have accomplished their goal of exposing their children to new ideas and cultures, with trips to the mountains of northern Albania, the historic city of Ohrid and ancient Roman archaeological sites. Everyone in the family is learning the Macedonian language and using it to communicate with their adopted Macedonian street cat. They are making the most of their time abroad but will be happy to return home to Vermont in August 2022. See picture, Page 34.

2007
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The start of the spring 2021 term welcomed the newest Dickinsonians to campus. These future leaders were part of the first class to ascend the steps of Old West in nearly 18 months. Dickinson administrators deserve credit for finding ways to respect a time-honored tradition while adhering to Centers for Disease Control and Prevention guidelines. Many colleges
Ora Beth Mika is one of seven competitors on The Food Network’s new show *Easter Basket Challenge*. Ora Beth is the founder of Flour & Bloom Cakes, a company that focuses on providing its customers with customized cakes.

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After earning her Ph.D. in art history from the University of Texas at Austin, Kara Carmack has relocated to Scranton, Pa., to serve as the assistant professor of fine arts at Misericordia University. In August of last year, her article “I’m a person who loves beautiful things: Potassa de Lafayette as Model and Muse” appeared in the peer-reviewed publication *Journal of Visual Culture*.

Corey Korinda writes, “Jeffery Frankenburger and I exchanged marriage vows on Nov. 14, 2020. A couple Dickinsonians attended our intimate ceremony at Grace United Methodist Church; hopefully, many more will be able to help us celebrate our first year of marriage at a reception this coming fall! Otherwise, we continue to reside in the Midtown neighborhood of Harrisburg. Jeff works as supervising investigative counsel at the Ethics Commission. I am the executive director of Dauphin County Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA).”

2009
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Zak Rosenberg and wife Karen welcomed their first child, Samuel Mitchell Rosenberg, on Dec. 1.

Nicole Tanguy Zbinden and husband Raleigh welcomed a beautiful daughter, Claire Beatrice, on Oct. 25. What a time to be born! All are well and currently living outside Boston.

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Zachary Frankel married Alexandra Olsman on Dec. 27. The two had attended the same Montessori preschool in Philadelphia and were later reintroduced by a friend. Zachary is a principal at Frankel Enterprises, a real estate development company he runs from Philadelphia and Jupiter, Fla. Alexandra is an auction specialist of ancient sculpture and works of art for Sotheby’s in New York based in Philadelphia.

Congratulations to Mermaid Society member Kelsey Taylor ’10, who is celebrating 10 years of consecutive giving to Dickinson!

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Ora Beth Mika is the founder of Flour & Bloom Cakes in Napa, California.
2013
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Christian Beitel and his wife moved to Boulder, Colo., from Washington, D.C., to be closer to family. Lily is now a certified financial planner and works as a financial advisor and planner at BSW Wealth Partners in Boulder. Christian continues to work in sales for Gartner Inc., providing research and advisory support to HR executives in Latin America. They’re loving the new view they have of the Front Range and are enjoying biking, running and hiking!

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Melia Bonomo finished her Ph.D. in applied physics at Rice University in Houston in December. Among those in attendance at her virtual defense were Dickinson friends Bernadette Brandt, Lindsay Finnerty, Avery Zuvic and Leah Silver.

In 2015, Priscilla Colon graduated with her master’s in global health science from the University of California, San Francisco. In 2017 she went on to win the D-Prize international competition and co-founded a maternal health nonprofit organization focused on training traditional birth attendants on how to respond to obstetric emergencies in Nigeria. In 2018, she was named one of El Mundo Boston’s Latino 30 under 30 Honorees—an award that recognizes Boston’s most influential Latino leaders. In 2020, she was awarded the Posse Scholarship to attend Northeastern University to pursue her MBA. Her two concentrations within her program are on international business and health care management. She looks forward to making an impact in global health.

Keeping Alumni Connected

“Our teams are always looking for ways to support alumni and respond to the challenges of the moment. We know that small acts can add up to make a big difference, and that together, we can stay Dickinson strong.”

—Carlo Robustelli, vice president for college advancement

Dickinson is committed to helping alumni connect across the miles. Opportunities include the Dickinson at Home virtual series; the Small-Business Directory; remote-class auditing; virtual Alumni Week festivities; and the new Global Alumni Classes, which invite alumni to “travel” and learn together this spring.

dickinson.edu/alumni
Alex Egner has left his position at the Lancaster district attorney’s office to establish a private practice, Chieppor & Egner, in downtown Lancaster, Pa.

Lindsey Fox and her husband are expecting their second child together, due Aug. 1.

Ivan Gutierrez created a $10,000 scholarship for his high school that will be awarded to student(s) seeking to attend a two- to four-year college.

Andrew and Maggie Black Mauro are expecting their second little girl!

Siobhan O’Grady was named Cairo bureau chief at The Washington Post. She also recently got engaged!

Danielle Staunton moved to Norwich, England, after meeting her husband while in graduate school at UEA.

On Jan. 1, Giovania Tiarachristi moved to Los Angeles to pursue massage therapy school while running her own consulting/ facilitation, coaching, bodywork and illustration practice centered on healing.

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Aaron S. Hock recently executive produced a video series with drag queen Julie J called “Faulty Defense Mechanisms,” which you can check out on YouTube. He also joined the board of directors of NYC’s Refracted Theatre Co. and performed in the virtual concert “Coming About With the Empire City Men’s Chorus.”

In August, Jessica Lowenstein Lee began a new role as operations analyst at SEI Investments, after the travel industry took a hit due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Carmen Mann was selected for her dream job as an Air Force JAG—one of the most competitive legal jobs in the country—through its one-year college program. She is in her second year of law school at Cleveland-Marshall College of Law and upon graduation will serve as an officer in the Air Force on active duty. She is president of the Hispanic Law Student Association and an executive board member of the Dean’s Leadership Fellows Program. To survive quarantine, Carmen also adopted a puppy and started a travel blog. Congratulations on all your success, Carmen!

Steph Orsini and Riley Dickson were married last summer, safely and joyfully surrounded by family and Dickinson friends. Wishing you both congratulations!

Kat Swantak just celebrated six years at Juniata College, where she is assistant dean of admissions. In her words, “I’m celebrating the sixth anniversary of not getting fired from my job.”

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Jesse Bissell will be attending the University of Utah Dental School in the class of 2025.

Caly McCarthy writes, “All good stories start a few years back. As such ... in 2016 I took a class on the history of motherhood in the U.S. with Professor Crystal Moten. It was a wonderfully cross-disciplinary class (history, Africana studies, women’s & gender studies), and I’ve continued to find one of our seminal texts (Of Woman Born by Adrienne Rich) quite meaningful. Crystal and I serendipitously reunited in 2019 when we bumped into each other at the Smithsonian staff picnic composting station. Crystal had recently begun as a curator at the National Museum of American History, and I had recently started as an administrative assistant for ForestGEO, a global forest research network. We’ve kept in touch since, and she recently released a podcast on all things Black women’s history (plus in the first episode she gives a shout-out to her former Dickinson students!). I’m excited for the first season of Black HERStory 101 to unfold, and I encourage you to check it out at blackherstory101.com.”

Carmen Mann is celebrating her selection into the Air Force Judge Advocate General’s Corps.

ª Wedding photos are available at www.dickinson.edu/magazine.
Emily Whitaker graduated from the University of Wisconsin-Madison in December with a master of science in limnology, focusing on how loss of lake ice impacts under-ice ecology. While there, she published “Integrating Perspectives to Understand Lake Ice Dynamics in a Changing World.” She is currently editing the first chapter of her thesis for publication.

2018


Parents

Welcome to these new members of the Mermaid Society, which celebrates loyal Dickinsonians who consistently give back to the college: Matthew and Tracy Kueny P’19, P’23; Mark and Deana Chamberlin P’20; Mark Loalbo and Patricia Klaje P’20, P’23; Timothy and Trish Schaffer P’20; Richard Shaw and Holly Reid P’20; James Smith and Colleen Cummings P’20; Dayna Hartman P’21; Richard Howe P’21; Clara Bonaccorsi P’22; David and Eileen Bridgelall P’22; Geoffrey and Suzanne Brown P’22; Lowell and Stacey Cantor P’22; Elizabeth Cashen P’22; John Caskey and Janet Ginzberg P’22; Kevin and Lara Clemence P’22; Hope Crumbie P’22; Gabriel Finder P’22; Andrew and Lori Flame P’22; Robert and Julie Greger P’22; William and Christine Groble P’22; Michael Grothuens and Nancy McDonald P’22; Bruce Harrison and Lisa Cromley P’22; Fern Hauck P’22; Stephen and Diana Kaye P’22; Bill and Meredith Landis P’22; Robin Lapidus P’22; Stephen and Mary Lilley P’22; Daniel LJoka P’22; Gregory Logsted and Lauren Baratz-Logsted P’22; John and Tina McIntyre P’22; Stephen Trail and Robynne Quinn Trail P’22; Andy and Heather Bucknam P’23; and Jonathan Tate and Alicia Miller P’23.

Small-Business Spotlight

Dickinson launched its Small-Business Directory in 2020 as a way to celebrate, share and support alumni-owned enterprises. Business are submitted by alumni and organized by category, ranging from home goods and health to sustainability and charitable services.

We’ll highlight a few of these businesses in each issue. We begin with alumni services and products from the food & beverage category:

- **Dimitri Olive Oil (Nichole Barbuzanes Komninos ’06):** specialty olives and first cold-pressed, extra-virgin olive oil.
- **Fun for All Foods (Jennifer Sullivan ’05):** allergen-free and vegan bake mixes in customizable batch sizes (think of it like pancake mix for desserts!)
- **Fantastic Foods (Anne Petraeus Mauney ’04):** healthy-lifestyle website; includes recipes for quick and easy meals.
- **Farm to Fridge (Kevin Bell ’05):** offering private chef services in the Hawaiian Island Chain and beyond.
- **Healthiest Pour (Juli Kundu ’08):** Like a farmer’s market for wine; ships to Florida, D.C. and North Carolina.
- **Jenkins Jellies (Harry B. Danner ’61):** award-winning, premium line of all-natural pepper jellies.

[More](https://dson.co/directory)
1942 Evelyn Fansler Skillington died Jan. 21. She earned a B.A. in economics and was a member of Microcosm and Wheel and Chain. She also earned an LL.B. from Temple University Beasley School of Law. She was a licensed attorney in Washington, D.C., and a former dean of students at American University. She was preceded in death by husband James Skillington '40. Survivors include two children.

1943 Richard Purnell died Jan. 19. He earned a B.A. and was a member of Theta Chi and McIntyres Religious Group. He also earned a degree from Boston University School of Theology. He retired from the New York Conference of the United Methodist Church after serving seven churches. He was preceded in death by wife Louise Faupel Purnell '45. Survivors include daughter Susanna and son Richard Purnell '73.

1948 Edward Honicker died Nov. 7, 2019. He earned a B.A. in English and was a member of Sigma Chi, Skull & Key and the College Choir. He retired as vice president and trust officer from Pennsylvania National Bank in Pottsville. Survivors include three daughters.

1949 Herbert Rubright died Dec. 3. He earned a B.S. in biology and was a member of Sigma Chi and Skull & Key. He also earned an M.D. from Temple University School of Medicine. A former U.S. Air Force captain and flight surgeon, he retired as owner of a family medical practice in Schuylkill Haven, Pa. Survivors include wife Dolores and children Herbert Rubright Jr., Susan Rubright Donovan '70 and Harry Rubright '76.

1950 Sterlen Sheaffer died Jan. 27. He earned a B.A. in history and an M.Div. from the Evangelical School of Theology. He retired as an ordained minister having served numerous communities in Pennsylvania. Survivors include wife Evelyn and sons Thomas and Timothy.

1951 Karl Koons died Dec. 22. He earned a B.A. in economics and was a member of Sigma Chi and Phi Beta Kappa. He retired as accountant from AMP/Tyco Electronics Corp. in Harrisburg. Survivors include wife Joan and two sons.

1951 Nanette Brame Masonheimer died Dec. 5. She retired from the Navy Supply Information Systems Activity in Mechanicsburg, Pa. Survivors include daughter Candace and stepson James.

1951 Richard Murray died Feb. 14. He earned a B.A. and was a member of Alpha Chi Rho and the baseball team. He also earned an LL.B. from Dickinson School of Law. A former mayor of Hillsborough Township, N.J., he retired as a municipal judge. Survivors include wife Joanne, children Richard, Mary Kate, Joan, Elizabeth and Anne and grandson Matthew Murray '11.

1952 Arnold Weber died Jan. 25. He earned a B.A. in history and was a member of Kappa Sigma, Skull & Key, Follies and the College Choir. He was a former real estate broker at Crystal Creek Realty Inc. in Prescott, Ariz. Survivors include wife Janet and three children.

1953 Ray Brugler died Dec. 5. He earned a B.A. in psychology and was a member of Sigma Alpha Epsilon and Follies. He also earned an M.Div. from Western Theological Seminary and a doctorate in ministry from McCormick Theological Seminary. He was an ordained Presbyterian minister and served as pastor and associate pastor in three states. He retired as education consultant from the Synod of the Trinity in Beaver, Pa. Survivors include two children.

1953 Kay Gleim Poitras died Jan. 6. She earned a B.A. in English and was a member of Chi Omega, The Dickinsonian, Phi Beta Kappa and Microcosm. She also earned an M.A. in elementary education from Rollins College-Winter Park. She was a former third grade teacher and reading and literacy specialist at Elbert Elementary School in Winter Haven, Fla. She later created and supervised an after-school tutoring program called Homework House. Kay and her husband, Ted Poitras (deceased), endowed Dickinson’s annual Poitras-Gleim Lecture, which provides a forum to explore and promote cross-disciplinary thought and communication. Survivors include three daughters.

1953 Patricia Bradley Young died Nov. 15. She earned a B.A. in English and was a member of Zeta Tau Alpha, Wheel and Chain, Microcosm, band and The Dickinsonian. She also earned an M.A. in counseling from Fairfield University. She retired after a career teaching middle- and high-school English and history. She was preceded in death by husband Thomas Young '53. Survivors include four daughters.

1954 Donald Bush died Feb. 16. He earned a B.A. in history and was a member of Phi Kappa Sigma, Skull & Key, Belles Lettres Society and the football and lacrosse teams. With a history of volunteering at nonprofits, he received a lifetime service award from the Family & Children's Services of Long Branch. Survivors include wife Christine Crum Bush '56 and three sons.

1954 Charles Naylor died Feb. 2. He earned a B.A. in economics and was a member of Beta Theta Pi and Spanish Club. He also earned an MBA from Temple University. He was the president of Peterson Manufacturing Co. Inc. in Sarasota, Fla. Survivors include wife Loretta and four children.

1955 Robert “Bob” Key died Jan. 27. He earned a B.A. and was a member of Sigma Alpha Epsilon and Union Philosophical Society. He also earned an LL.B. from Dickinson School of Law. He was president/owner of Key Bellevilles Inc. in Leechburg, Pa. Survivors include wife Patty and children Kathy and Robert.

1955 Stephen Roseman died Jan. 11. He earned a B.A. in political science and was a member of Pi Epsilon Pi, Skull & Key, Mohler Scientific Club, ROTC, Alpha Psi Omega, Raven's Claw and the swim team. He also earned a J.D. from Rutgers University Law School. He retired as partner from McGovern & Roseman in Newton, N.J. Survivors include wife Joan and two children.

1955 Lynn “Bud” Weiser died Oct. 1. He retired as underwater welder for Parker Diving Service in San Pedro, Calif., where he repaired broken propeller blades on ships at sea all over the world. Survivors include wife May Evelyn and three daughters.

1956 Carolyn Menin Hoppe died Feb. 16. She earned a B.A. in French and was a member of Phi Beta Phi, Phi Beta Kappa, French Club and The Dickinsonian. She also earned an M.Ed. from Temple University and a master’s from L'Université Catholique d’Angers in Angers, France. She retired as upper school French teacher from Springside Chestnut Hill Academy in Philadelphia. She was preceded in death by husband Thad Hoppe ‘56. Survivors include children Lynne and Thad and brother Henry Menin ‘59.

1957 Jeannie Longcope Anderson died Feb. 18. She earned a B.A. in French and was a member of Chi Omega, Follies, The Dickinsonian and the basketball, cheerleading and track and field teams. She was preceded in death by husband J. David Anderson ’55. Survivors include four children.

1957 Joan Mandel Maynard died Nov. 21. She earned a B.S. in mathematics and was a member of Phi Mu, Aquacade, Microcosm, Follies, Mermaid Players and Student Senate. She formerly worked as a computer programmer at the Westinghouse Atomic Power Division as part of a team that developed the first nuclear submarine, the Nautilus. She was a docent at the Museum of International Folk Art in Santa Fe, N.M. Survivors include two children.

1958 Anne Saunders Bloxom died Aug. 22. She earned a B.A. in English and psychology and was a member of Chi Omega, Microcosm, Wheel and Chain, Alpha Psi Omega, Follies and the cheerleading team. She also earned an M.A. in psychology from the New School for Social Research. Survivors include husband Bruce.

1959 Douglas Bast died March 4. He retired as the third-generation owner and operator of Bast of Boonsboro, the oldest continuously operated furniture store in Boonsboro, Md. Survivors include half-brother Gerald and uncle Bob.
1960 Judith Eves died Feb. 2. She earned a B.A. in English and was a member of Sui Generis, Alpha Psi Omega and the Mermaid Players. She also earned a master's in library science from the University of Pittsburgh. She retired as research librarian from the Pennsylvania Economy League. Survivors include sister Helen.

1960 Joseph Holden died Dec. 7. He earned a B.A. in sociology and was a member of Kappa Sigma, Psi Chi and Union Philosophical Society. He also earned a master's in social work from the University of Pennsylvania. He served as lieutenant colonel in the U.S. Army Reserves and retired from the VA Medical Center in Harrisburg. Survivors include wife Nancy and two children.

1961 J. Reid Haug died Dec. 6. He earned a B.A. in economics and was a member of Phi Delta Theta, Debate Society and Union Philosophical Society. He retired from Alcoa Inc. Survivors include wife Ann Esterline Haug '64 and children Amy, Miriam and James.

1961 Hugh James died Dec. 24. He was a member of the football team. He earned a B.S. from Philadelphia University. He retired as sales development manager from Remington Arms, a then-subsidiary of E.I. du Pont de Nemours and Company in Wilmington, Del. Survivors include wife Nancy Hays James '61 and two children.

1961 Patricia Kelly Surrick died Jan. 12. She earned a B.A. in English and was a member of Microcosm, Aquacade, Student Senate and The Dickinsonian. An English teacher, she taught at Henderson High School, Swarthmore Academy and the Concept School. Survivors include husband R. Barclay Surrick '60 and three children.

1961 Jeffrey Wood died Jan. 18. He earned a B.A. in English and was a member of the College Choir, Belles Lettres Society, The Dickinsonian and Phi Mu Alpha. He also earned an M.Div. from Princeton Theological Seminary and a doctorate in religion from New York Theological Seminary. He was pastor of First Presbyterian Church of Passaic in Passaic, N.J.; interim pastor at First Presbyterian in Smithtown, N.Y.; and executive director of the Council of Churches of SW Connecticut in Stamford, Conn. Survivors include two children.

1964 David Ditenhafer died Dec. 7. He earned a B.A. in history and was a member of Phi Delta Theta and the baseball and basketball teams. He retired from Sprint/United Telephone Co. in Carlisle. Survivors include wife Elizabeth and children Barbara and David.

1964 Louise “Weezie” Farley Reilly died Dec. 1. She earned a B.A. in history and political science and was a member of Psi Chi, Microcosm, Aquacade, Follies and the Debate Society. She also earned a master's in classics from Johns Hopkins University. She served in the Peace Corps in Hawaii for a year teaching English to immigrant children from Guam and American Samoa and spent a year abroad teaching history at the American School of London. She retired as teacher from Roland Park County School in Baltimore. Survivors include daughters Anne and Libby and brother Thomas Farley '67.

1964 Lynn Sheehan died Dec. 11. He was a graduate of Wyoming Seminary. He was a former systems consultant for AT&T. Survivors include wife Sandra and children Lynn and Megan.

1969 Joseph Green died Jan. 18. He earned a B.A. in history and was a member of Phi Epsilon Pi, The Dickinsonian, Student Senate and Skull & Key. He also earned a J.D. from Duquesne University Law School. He was a partner at Green, Green, Godowsky & McFadden in Wilmington, Del. He was preceded in death by father Harold Green '41. Survivors include wife Nancy, children Jeffrey, Melissa, Samuel and Daniel Green ’98 and sister Vicki Green ’72.

1970 Sue Rosenfeld died Oct. 10. She earned a B.A. in history and Latin and an M.A. from Columbia University. She was a former Peace Corps volunteer, Fulbright English teacher in the Republic of Burundi and taught English at the American Cultural Center until its closing. She ran the Boston University study-abroad program in Niger for nearly 25 years. Survivors include brother Josh and longtime companion Ahmadou Mbaye.

1970 David Sayre died Dec. 1. He earned a B.A. in history and a J.D. from The George Washington University Law School. He retired as managing editor at the Bureau of National Affairs Inc. in Washington, D.C. He was preceded in death by wife Louise Seiter Sayer ’71. Survivors include two sons.

1973 Mark Burns died Dec. 10. He earned a B.S. in computer science from Duquesne University. He was a technical research analyst for Palm Beach County, Fla. Survivors include mother Eileen and sister Lynn.

1973 Edward “Duke Bootee” Fletcher died Jan. 13. He earned a B.A. in English and was a member of the tennis team. He also earned master's degrees in media studies from the New School and in education from Rutgers University. Performing as Duke Bootee, he was a studio musician at Sugar Hill Records, toured with their acts and contributed to the writing and recording of their seminal tracks. He was the composer of Grandmaster Flash and the Furious Five’s 1982 hit “The Message,” which changed the tone of hip-hop and influences artists like Jay-Z and the Notorious BIG. According to producer/musician Questlove, the song proved that hip-hop could be a medium for sociopolitical change. Fletcher retired as lecturer in critical thinking and communications from Savannah State University. Survivors include wife Rosita and two children.

1981 Theodore “Ted” Mishtal died Jan. 4. He earned a B.A. in economics and was a member of Phi Kappa Sigma. He also earned a J.D. from the University of Houston Law Center. He was an attorney in Austin, Texas. Survivors include four sisters.

1989 Gregory Philpott died Dec. 27. He earned a B.A. in political science and was a member of Sigma Alpha Epsilon and the football team. He also earned a master's in public administration from Idaho State University, a master's in urban education from Mercy College and an M.A. in psychology from Fielding Graduate University. He was a mental health counselor. Survivors include wife Beverly, daughters Katie and Meghan and brother Jeffrey Philpott ’89.

1996 Carla Homan died Jan. 6. She earned a B.A. in English and was a member of the College Choir. She worked for the security firm Leidos in the D.C. area, where she was responsible for software release management. Survivors include brother David and sisters Susan and Jennifer.

1997 Erik Birkholz died Dec. 6. He earned a B.S. in computer science and was a member of Kappa Sigma, Octals and the swim team. He was senior vice president of global information security for Bank of America in Dallas. Survivors include wife Charlotte and two sons.

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Minh Lieu, technical services specialist in User Services, died Jan. 9. He joined Dickinson in 1998 with nearly a decade of experience in the field of computer technology and electronic repair. Survivors include wife Hong and son Andrew.

Charles Robinson, former member of the housekeeping staff, died Jan. 19. Joining Dickinson in 1988, he served until his retirement in 2003. He was preceded in death by wife Clara, former part-time Dickinson office staff. Survivors include daughters Tracy and Robin and son Dale Robinson, Dickinson’s current grounds lead in facilities management.

Nancy Winkelman, retired director of publications in the Office of Communications & Development, died Dec. 20. Joining the college in 1975, she served Dickinson for 15 years and was responsible for all of the college’s externally focused publications, including the alumni magazine and newsletter. She is credited with introducing marketing to the college’s practices. Survivors include sister-in-law Joan and two nephews.